

iPhone, iPad & Android

Apps

www.knowyourapps.com

OVER
367
AMAZING APPS
INSIDE



GET iOS 9 NOW

GET NEXT-GEN FEATURES ON YOUR
iPHONE TODAY WITH THESE TOP APPS

Messages



Safari



Mail



Music

No.60

box





Authorized
Reseller

NOW YOU CAN AFFORD A BRAND NEW MAC



LESS THAN
£2 PER DAY



YOU DO THE MATHS

ALL OUR FLEXI-LEASE PACKAGES INCLUDE:

MAINTENANCE

- 3 Years full cover for all hardware with remote and telephone support, plus loan equipment

LEASE RENEWAL

- after only 2 years we will offer you a renewal to latest equipment and options to keep or return the old machine

OWNERSHIP

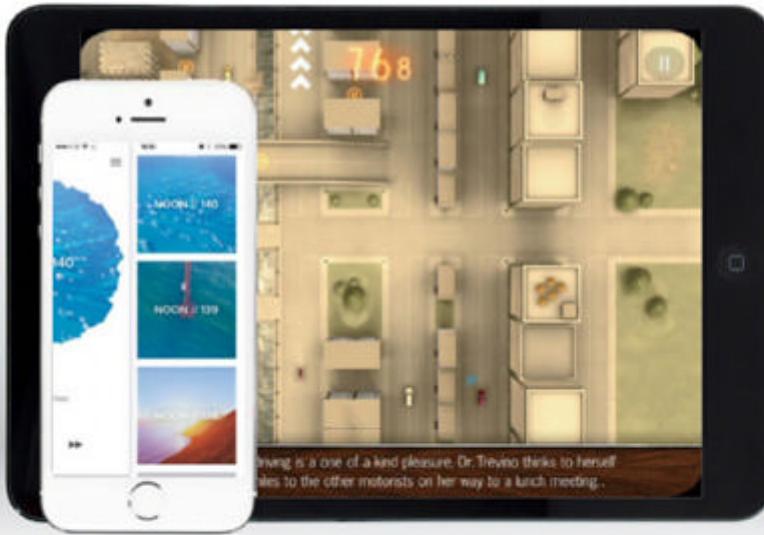
- at the end of the lease the equipment is yours for just £1

020 7111 1643
WWW.HARDSOFT.CO.UK

HARDSOFT
Established for over 25 years

WELCOME TO APPS MAGAZINE

Your essential apps guide every issue



The team recommends...

DAN HUTCHINSON

Editor in Chief

 If you love music, check out *Noon Pacific* (page 23). It offers a new ten-track playlist for you to stream every Monday, at noon (Pacific Time). Hence the name.

JAMIE FRIER

Contributor

 *Does not Commute* (page 39) is one of the oddest - and most addictive - strategy games we've played in a while.

DOES NOT COMMUTE

• iPhone+ | iOS 6.0 | Freemium | v1.2.0
 • Android | OS 2.3 | Freemium | v1.2.0

GOOGLE PHOTOS

• iPhone | iOS 8.1 | Free | v1.0.1
 • Android | OS 4.0 | Free | v1.0

NOON PACIFIC

• iPhone+ | iOS 8.2 | Free | v3.0
 • Android | OS 2.3.3 | Free | v0.0.1

TANDEM

• iPhone+ | iOS 7.0 | Free | v1.2.2

JACK PARSONS

Editor

 Discover an easier way to sort your pictures and auto-enhance them with *Google Photos*, with our review on page 27 and our in-depth tutorial from page 42.

OLIVER HILL

Contributor

 Do you want to learn a language, but struggle with studying? *Tandem* (page 28) makes learning fun by video chatting with native speakers.



Jack Parsons

apps@imagine-publishing.co.uk



Follow Apps Magazine at...

 @Knowyourapps  /AppsMagazine

Plus: Get the latest news and previews online... www.knowyourapps.com

CONTENTS

367 APPS INSIDE



ENTERTAINMENT 19 APPS

022 Stream live video

Broadcast yourself instantly with these top apps

023 Noon Pacific

Quality music in a free new mixtape every single week

024 Beamly Bite

Easily digestible TV news

024 Mezzo Music Player

An alternative player with an innovative queue system

EVERYDAY 22 APPS

026 Upgrade Activity Tracker

The best fitness apps for your new Apple Watch

027 Google Photos

A picture-perfect gallery

028 Tandem

Learn languages with a 'pen pal'

029 Hooks

Set alerts for everything

029 Popsugar Wedding

Nice app for a white wedding...

030 DeeMe

An artisanal Snapchat

030 Tayasui Memopad

Doodle on this digital canvas

WORK 14 APPS

032 Moleskine Timepage

The latest minimal calendar app vying for your schedule

033 Roambi Analytics

Data crunching and analysis made easy

033 Spark

The latest app to try and tame the inbox

GAMES 22 APPS

036 Thumb war

Best strategy war games

037 Geometry Wars: Dimension

The console-hit arrives on iOS

038 Halo: Spartan Strike

Can *Halo* make it on mobile?

039 Does Not Commute

The latest reviews from those you trust

039 Kung Fury: Street Rage

Kick your way back in time

040 Empires & Alliances

Farmville and *Command & Conquer*

040 Into the circle

Curling is cool

GET
iOS 9
NOW

14

GET ALL THE LATEST iOS FEATURES
EARLY WITH THESE TOP APPS

22 STREAM
LIVE VIDEO



THE TOP
200 GREATEST
APPS EVER

44



SUMMER ESSENTIALS

18 GREAT APPS TO TAKE ON HOLIDAY AND
MAKE THE MOST OF THIS SUMMER

26 UPGRADE ACTIVITY
TRACKER



10 WIN JABRA
HEADPHONES



36
THUMB WAR

IN TOUCH

APPS ★ PEOPLE ★ GEAR

006 **Cortana coming to iOS and Android**

Can Microsoft's Virtual Assistant challenge Siri and Google Now?

008 **Q&A**

Procreate's creator explains how you create an app for Apple Watch

009 **Boost your brain**

Get your grey matter in top gear

010 **Win! Headphones**

Get your hands on Jabra's Dolby sound-quality earbuds

011 **My home screen**

Must-have apps for photographers

012 **Gear round-up**

This month's essential gadgets



PLUS

LEARN MORE
ABOUT YOUR APPS!

042 **Sort your pictures with Google Photos**

Sort photos, create collages and more with Google's unlimited cloud store

HOW WE REVIEW

OPERATING SYSTEM

Certain apps only work on specific operating systems; check your device meets the specifications here.

iPhone+ | iOS 5.0 | Free | v4.5.2

Android | OS 2.2 | Free | v4.6.3

FORMAT

Some apps are specific to iPhone or iPad, however if listed with a plus symbol, apps will work on both devices.

VERSION

We always review the latest versions of apps when going to publication, but bear in mind issues we outline may be fixed in updated versions.

PRICE

We list the most up-to-date price possible, but check before purchasing. Note that free apps may still require some in-app purchases.



GET EXCITED ABOUT...

CORTANA FOR iOS AND ANDROID

CAN MICROSOFT'S VIRTUAL ASSISTANT CHALLENGE SIRI AND GOOGLE NOW FOR DOMINANCE ON THEIR OWN DEVICES?

Microsoft's answer to Siri and Google Now, Cortana, is expanding beyond the Windows Phone to come to iOS and Android as a dedicated app.

The Windows-brand personal assistant will be included in a free download called *Phone Companion*, which Microsoft says will arrive on the Google Play Store at the end of June or in early July, and on the iPhone this autumn.

"Part of the power of a personal assistant comes from being available on the go, on the device you carry with you everywhere," said Joe Belfiore, corporate vice president of Microsoft's Operating Systems Group, when announcing *Phone Companion*. "And for people who don't have the benefit of a Windows Phone, we want to extend the advantage of Cortana in Windows 10."

On Windows Phones Cortana has many of the same features as Google Now on Android: it can send reminders and notifications, provide timely traffic and weather information, search the web and, on some devices, lets you launch apps using a voice command. Belfiore said that most

of these features will be available on its competitors' mobile operating systems, too. Also, the app will offer Windows 10 users something similar to Apple's Handoff, which enables you to start a task on a Mac and finish it on an iPad or iPhone (and vice versa).

What the Cortana app won't do is let you launch apps on non-Windows platforms (though Microsoft hinted that it might add this functionality later). Nonetheless, Cortana speaks to Microsoft's recognition of how important mobile integration is to continued success as a computing power.

However, at time of writing, there has been no official response from Microsoft to suggest this cross-platform version of Cortana will have any new features to compete with iOS 9 and Android M's new context-aware features, Siri Proactive and Google Now-on-Tap respectively.

PHONE COMPANION

- **Android** | Coming this summer
- **iPhone** | Coming this autumn

HAILING FREQUENCIES OPEN

This icon is like Google Now's red circle or Siri's undulating waveform: it shows when Cortana is active and changes colour when she is listening to your voice input.

EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT

Cortana keeps track of what you have planned for your day and the things that might affect it, such as the weather, traffic and your entertainment options. She can also give you updates and notifications every morning.

INFORMATION ON DEMAND

Cortana can display other useful information upon request, too, such as maps, reminders and flight tracking. Your interests, music searches, favourite places and other settings are saved in Cortana's Notebook and are accessible across all your devices.

"HEY, CORTANA"

Cortana has been designed to search the web in response to voice prompts. The Windows Phone version lets you type or speak your request and Cortana then looks for the answer using Bing.

OTHER APPS AT YOUR SERVICE

SIRI

 Siri is technically not an app but an integrated part of iOS on recent iPhone and iPad models. Because of this reason, it is not available on other mobile platforms. The current version of Siri doesn't provide custom notifications and its speech recognition could be better, but it does have a sense of humour... just make sure you don't ask it what the meaning of life is.

● iPhone | iOS 5.0 | N/A | N/A

GOOGLE SEARCH

Google has attempted to go one better with Google Now by including notifications and timely information in their *Google* app for iOS. Google's virtual assistant can also be activated without touching the screen by saying "Okay, Google". Word recognition is impressive but some features are only available on Android devices.

● iPhone+ | iOS 7.0 | Free | v6.0.0
 ● Android | Varies | Free | Varies

EVI

This Siri clone is attractive, fast and accurate, which is more than can be said for apps of its kind. You can also rate its responses (which is helpful for other users) and it is the nearest thing that Android fans in the US and UK will get to using one of iOS's flagship features.

● iPhone+ | iOS 7.0 | Free | v1.2.8
 ● Android | OS 2.3 | Free | v1.2.41.0_1024610

24ME

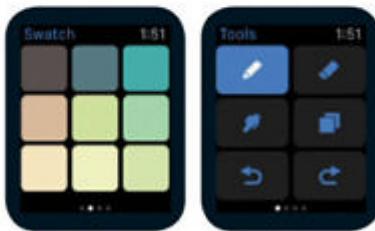
This app doesn't have voice activation features like Google Now and Siri but it's still impressively comprehensive and versatile. It acts as a centralised hub for your calendar, task list, notes and some social media accounts, and provides alerts of important events. You can also program it to autocomplete tasks.

● iPhone+ | iOS 7.0 | Free | v3.8.0
 ● Android | OS 4.0 | Free | v1.070

7

THE POWER OF CREATION, SIMPLIFIED

Savage Interactive CEO and cofounder James Cuda on why bringing Procreate to the Apple Watch was a no-brainer



PROCREATE POCKET

Made by the developers of the award-winning *Procreate* for iPad, *Procreate Pocket* enables you to sketch and illustrate concepts on the move, anywhere you find inspiration.

• iPhone+ | iOS 8.2 | £2.29/\$2.99



The Apple Watch might only have been on shelves for a couple of months, but the App Store is already teeming with thousands of apps tailor-made for Apple's luxury smartwatch. So, to find out why developers have been flocking to the device, we caught up with drawing app *Procreate Pocket* creator, James Cuda.

What convinced you to start developing apps for the Apple Watch? Was it a natural fit for Procreate?

The main motivating factor in developing for Apple Watch was screen real-estate. *Procreate Pocket* dedicates almost all of its screen real-estate to the canvas, leaving very little room to display features such as colour swatches.

Apple Watch enabled us to push two of these critical functions, Tools and Swatches, to the new screen space. Our extension was inspired by the traditional wooden artists' palette. For instance, Swatches mode displays a number of paint 'wells' ready for the artist to use. The perfect placement of Apple Watch enables artists to bring digital paint to the canvas by simply touching a colour. It's a really natural extension to the *Procreate Pocket* experience.

Were any parts of the development process particularly challenging or restrictive?

WatchKit is pretty cool and very easy to develop for, and it's only at version one. I think the only process which was restrictive was this interface design. That said, there is an element of freedom to be found in the restriction. With a very focused interface guideline, designers don't need to continually reinvent the wheel when trying to solve interface problems. Instead, they can focus on creating a beautiful experience for customers.

On the other side of the coin, how has Apple opened up the process?

One of the easiest parts of developing for Apple products is the consistency. Compared to developing for other platforms, the APIs are more consistent, the device platforms are far

less fragmented, and in general the devices are better performing. This enables us to target our development to make the absolute most of the hardware available.

What has the response been like from Apple Watch owners?

It's hard for us to tell what percentage of *Procreate Pocket* sales our Apple Watch extension makes up, but the response from customers has been relatively good. The *Procreate Pocket* Apple Watch app has been described as innovative and intuitive to use. We're looking forward to more feedback as the number of Apple Watch users grow.

Would you encourage other app developers to take a serious look at the Apple Watch and smartwatches in general?

Absolutely. Wearing a computer has huge potential and serious implications for the future, and developers can jump in and help shape the future right now.

What are your plans for the Apple Watch going forward?

We'll be supporting our *Procreate* Apple Watch extension for the foreseeable future and possibly redesigning it, if and when native Apple Watch apps become a thing.

Could you envisage a day where the Apple Watch is as popular as the iPhone is now?

I see them as two separate types of technology which solve very different problems.

For instance, when I go for a bike ride, I just take my Apple Watch and listen to music. I'd never take my huge iPhone 6 Plus with me - it's too bulky and heavy for that purpose. Conversely, I use my iPhone 6 Plus to draw and sketch ideas, because the watch screen is too small and the processor isn't designed for heavy computational work such as graphically accelerated painting!

It's hard to say if the Apple Watch will ever be as ubiquitous as the iPhone, but I do expect it to continue to grow in popularity over future iterations, as the iPhone has done. Both devices are pretty cool, but for different reasons.

“ONE OF THE EASIEST PARTS OF DEVELOPING FOR APPLE PRODUCTS IS THE CONSISTENCY”

05 BEST APPLE WATCH APPS

CITYMAPPER

The ultimate real-time public transport app for London, Manchester, Singapore and more!

• iPhone+ | iOS 7.0
| Free | v 5.4
| Android | Varies
| Free | Varies

CLEAR

 Clear is the revolutionary reminders app that makes you more productive. The Apple Watch extension makes it even simpler to tick off your to-do list.

• iPhone+ | iOS 8.0
| £3.99/\$4.99 | v1.7

PCALC

 PCalc is a powerful, scientific calculator app. While the Apple Watch extension isn't as advanced, it does include a simple tool for splitting restaurant bills.

• iPhone+ | iOS 7.0
| £7.99/\$9.99 | v3.4.1

TWITTERIFFIC 5

 Twitteriffic is an award-winning Twitter client for iOS. The Apple Watch version also boasts a lot more customisation features than the official Twitter Apple Watch app.

• iPhone+ | iOS 8.0
| Freemium | v 5.12

DAY ONE

 A journal for the digital age, *Day One* lets you record life as you live it. The smartwatch extension makes it easy to check in to places and dictate notes.

• iPhone+ | iOS 8.0
| £3.99/\$4.99 | v 1.17

HOW TO... BOOST YOUR BRAIN

USE APPS TO GET YOUR GREY MATTER IN TOP GEAR

At some point in our lives we all probably fear that our mental faculties will wane as we get older. Keeping our brains sharp is important at any age, however, in order to make the most of every opportunity. It's not just about getting smart, too; in our busy schedules we can benefit from better multitasking ability, rapid responses, flexible thinking and a reliable memory. Apps could help us in several ways if we put our minds to it.



APPS USED

FIT BRAINS TRAINER

This companion app to Lifestyle Assessment is great fun.
iPhone+ | iOS 7.0
Freemium | 3.5.2
Android | Varies
Freemium | Varies

MINDFULNESS DAILY

Taking a few minutes out of each day for quiet time can only be a good thing. This app makes that process easy and pleasant.
iPhone+ | iOS 7.1
£1.49/\$1.99 | v1.065

SLEEP TIME+

With this app you can record your sleep pattern as well as set flags to stop your brain from switching off.
iPhone+ | iOS 7.0
£1.49/\$1.99 | v3.6

01 Test yourself

Small lifestyle changes can lead to a healthier brain, according to neuroscientist Dr. Paul Nussbaum's Fit Brains programme. Download the *Brain Health Lifestyle Assessment* app, answer the questions honestly and get your Lifestyle Score.

02 Embrace change

Once you've seen your score, swipe down to the lifestyle headings. If you have a low percentage on any of these, tap on the heading and read hints on behavioural changes you should try out. Then, after six months, take the test again.

03 Hit the gym

Fit Brains Trainer is meant to sharpen cognitive functions with a personalised daily brain fitness programme made up of clever minigames. Open the app and answer some basic questions to optimise your brain training program.

04 Stay sharp

Next, tap Continue to start your training, which will focus on areas of your brain that you chose earlier in the calibration questions. Make sure you follow the programme daily so your brain gets a challenging but fun workout regularly.

05 Keep calm

Like your body, your brain needs breaks to be at its best. There is evidence that mindfulness meditation reduces stress so get the *Mindfulness Daily* app and set times in the day when you'll apply its techniques to clear your head.

06 Sleep on it

Enough sleep is also necessary for a tip-top brain. Set an alarm in *Sleep Time+* and it will wake you at the optimum point in your sleep cycle close to what you set. Get about eight hours of sleep and you should wake up sharp and alert.

FINAL THOUGHT

Many apps claim to boost brain power through mental exercises and meditation. Some are based on established science but there is little evidence that they improve cognitive ability in the long run. But they won't dumb you down and they don't take up a lot of time, so it's not a bad idea to try them.

9

COMPETITION

WIN! JABRA ROX WIRELESS EARBUDS!

UNLEASH YOUR MUSIC LISTENING WITH THESE DOLBY SOUND HEADPHONES

There is nothing worse than having to unwrap headphone cables, when all you want to do is listen to your music. And no matter how carefully you store them when they're not in use, or what clever trick you try to stop them from tangling up again, they always do. But it doesn't have to be that way.

Thanks to our friends at Jabra, we have a pair of Jabra Rox earbuds to give away. These stylish Bluetooth headphones wirelessly connect with your smartphone or laptop to offer six hours of music listening. Made from solid steel, they also have a built-in mute button, so you can toggle music on and off with ease, and a microphone so you can respond to phone calls hands-free.

To pump full-spectrum Dolby Sound-quality listening out of your Rox earbuds, you can also download the free *Jabra Sound* app for iPhone. The app can also be used to create and browse through playlists, share music on Facebook or Twitter and adjust the graphic equaliser so you can play your tracks as you want to hear them.

For one lucky runner-up, we have a Jabra Solemate. Highly portable and packing two powerful, front-facing speakers, the Solemate works via Bluetooth. It will also work with the *Jabra Sound* app to provide Dolby Sound quality.

To win one of these prizes, all you have to do is just answer the following question.

Q WHAT IS THE NAME OF JABRA'S LATEST EARBUDS?
A: ROX **B:** ROCKS **C:** REX

**ENTER TODAY AT
WWW.KNOWYOURAPPS.COM**



FIRST PRIZE



RUNNER UP



TERMS AND CONDITIONS The closing date for entries is 7 August 2015. Please be aware that answers must be submitted to the above website only. This competition is open to residents of the United Kingdom and Ireland only. Imagine Publishing has the right to substitute the prize for a similar item of equal or higher value. Employees of Imagine Publishing (including freelancers), their relatives, or any agents are not eligible to enter. The editor's decision is final, and no correspondence will be entered into. Prizes cannot be exchanged for cash. Full terms and conditions are available upon request. From time to time, Imagine Publishing or its agents may send you related material or special offers. If you do not want to receive this, please state it clearly on your competition entry.

MY HOME SCREEN

THE PHOTOGRAPHER

APPS THAT PUT YOU IN THE FRAME FOR TOP SHOTS

Whether you use a traditional camera or take pictures on a smartphone, it usually needs more than just a quick look through the viewfinder to capture a great photo. Luckily, you no longer need fancy gear to do things like measure the light, bracket exposures or record yourself in front of a landmark. With the ten apps featured here you'll find yourself capturing awesome images in a snap.



Flickr

ALTERNATIVE TO: MESSAGES

 *Instagram* is the home of square snaps while *Flickr* is perfect for photographers who want a broader social experience. With this app you can upload and share pictures of any shape and engage with Yahoo's photographic community.

● iPhone+ | iOS 8.0 | Free | v4.0.2
● Android | Varies | Free | Varies

Geotag Photos Pro

ALTERNATIVE TO: REMINDERS

 Use this handy app to automatically record comprehensive photo metadata on the go. Upload your photos using the website or desktop app to have them automatically sorted by trip.

● iPhone+ | iOS 7.0
| £2.99/\$3.99 | v3.8
● Android | OS 1.6
| £3.29/\$3.99 | v3.7.1

Carousel by Dropbox

ALTERNATIVE TO: PHOTOS

 *Carousel* displays an integrated chronological gallery of your camera roll photos and pictures backed up to Dropbox. Images are sorted by date and location and browsed with a timeline sidebar.

● iPhone+ | iOS 7.0
| Freemium | v1.12
● Android | OS 4.0.3
| Freemium | v1.12.1

The Photographer's Ephemeris

ALTERNATIVE TO: MAPS

 This is packed with information on landscapes and the sky. Its maps show data such as time of sunrise and shadow lengths.

● iPhone+ | iOS 7.0
| £6.99/\$8.99 | v3.1.4
● Android | OS 2.3.3
| £3.22/\$4.99 | v1.2.1

Self Timer

ALTERNATIVE TO: CLOCK

 The stock *Camera* app and *Camera+* have self-timers but this app also has a multiple shots option that enables you to set the camera to take several pictures in a single sequence, and that's even after you've set a delay of up to 60 seconds. It's ideal for selfies.

● iPhone+ | iOS 6.0
| £1.49/\$1.99 | v4.0

Camera+

ALTERNATIVE TO: CAMERA

 This app includes the same features as the iPhone's native *Camera* app plus a whole lot more, including macro, cropping, burst and self-timer settings, image stabilisation, exposure adjustment, zoom and a real-time horizon level. Its Clarity feature is astonishingly good too.

● iPhone+ | iOS 7.0
| £2.29/\$2.99 | v6.3



Fresh Air

ALTERNATIVE TO: WEATHER

 What makes this attractive app great is if you take outdoor photos is its ability to provide forecasts of weather and cloud cover for any time of the day. It can also provide you with useful forecasts for any upcoming events in your calendar.

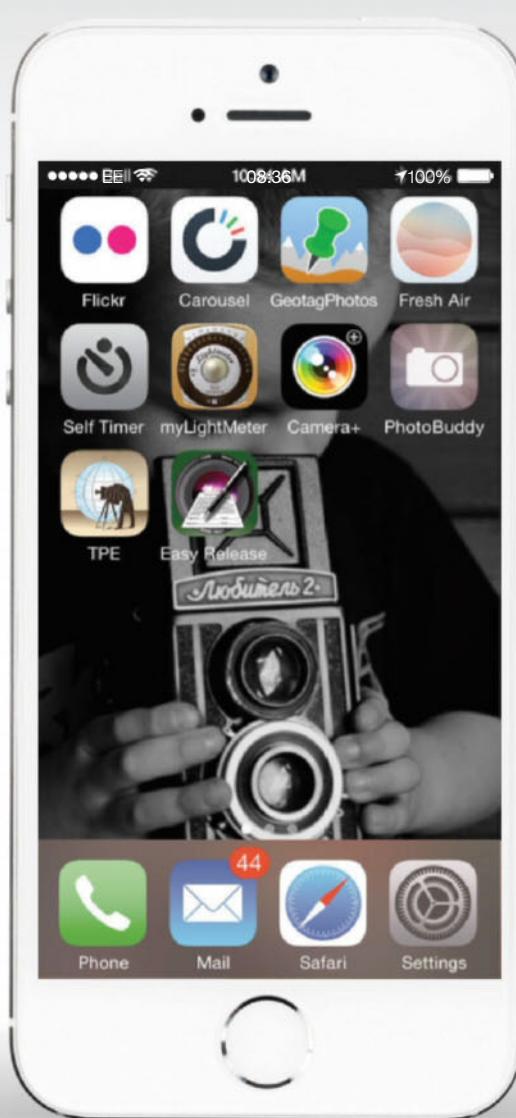
● iPhone+ | iOS 7.0
| Free | 2.0.2

PhotoBuddy

ALTERNATIVE TO: CALCULATOR

 As you go after the perfect photo, you will need to weigh up various camera settings, many of which are packed into this app. There are tabs for exposure, depth-of-field, diffraction and presets to make things a lot easier when out shooting.

● iPhone+ | iOS 7.0
| £1.49/\$1.99 | v1.30



"FLICKR IS PERFECT FOR PHOTOGRAPHERS WHO WANT A BROADER SOCIAL EXPERIENCE"

MyLightMeter Free

ALTERNATIVE TO: NOTES

 This attractive app mimics how an old-school light metre would look and work. It also provides an easy way to measure exposure settings. It's simple really, just select your ISO, point the lens at your subject, tap Measure and then read off the shutter speed and f-stop.

● iPhone | iOS 5.1 | Free | 1.1.6

Easy Release – Model Releases

ALTERNATIVE TO: STOCKS

 This app is for anyone who needs professional agreements for image rights when travelling. You can embed an image copy of the document and print, email or save a PDF signed by all parties.

● iPhone+ | iOS 5.0
| £7.99/\$9.99 | v3.1.1
● Android | OS 2.1
| £7.84/\$9.99 | v1.8.141212

GEAR ROUNDUP

SPHERO DARKSIDE OLLIE

While Darkside Ollie's controls are relatively easy to learn on either an iOS or Android device, the high speeds that it can achieve do take a little getting used to. The robust build of the unit means it can withstand collisions and it's fantastic to perform spins or even drifts in the knowledge that your robot will remain in tact. All this fun does come at a price, however, with just over an hour of battery life available between charges.

★★★★★

£99.99/\$153.49 | Sphero | firebox.com

IRIG UA

Recording songs through your Android device has never been easy, so the iRig is potentially game changing. The unit itself records and processes any connected guitar with near enough zero latency, providing users with high-quality playback at decent overall volume levels. The finished recording can then be edited and used with other instruments to create a track; including USB microphones. Despite it being targeted at a niche audience, budding musicians need to check this out.

★★★★★

£89.99/\$99.99 | IK Multimedia | ikmultimedia.com



TYLT VÜ

Wireless charging is a highly useful feature of many Qi-enabled smartphones, so the TYLT VÜ will certainly have its followers. The sturdy stand and charging combination sits at an angle that makes it easier to view your smartphone while charging in either portrait or landscape, but there's no scope to adjust the stand itself, which limits it to a certain degree. However, this is a charger at its core and you really can't complain at the rapid charging levels the VÜ is capable of.

★★★★★

£63.69/\$69.99 | Tylt | www.tylt.com

TWELVE SOUTH HiRISE FOR APPLE WATCH

As one of the first Apple Watch stands to hit the market, Twelve South has certainly set the bar high. The metallic build of the stand not only looks great on any workstation, but is also light enough to move around when needed. Assembly is quick and easy, but we would have liked to have seen more storage for our Apple Watch charging cable. It does however do exactly what it sets out to, and it does it at a very reasonable price too which is a bonus.

★★★★★

£39.99/\$49.99 | Twelve South | www.twelvesouth.com



If Apple made a magazine

www.icreatemagazine.com



Available
from all good
newsagents &
supermarkets

ON SALE NOW

- Photos Made Easy • El Capitan & iOS 9 •  Watch Power Guide



BUY YOUR ISSUE TODAY

Print edition available at www.imagineshop.co.uk

Digital edition available at www.greatdigitalmags.com

Available on the following platforms



facebook.com/icreatemagazine



twitter.com/icreatemagazine



GOOGLE PHOTOS



If you watched the iOS 9 part of the keynote speech at Apple WWDC this year, you'll have seen a number of updates focused around photos, including the ability to quickly scrub through shots and a neat search function that lets you instantly find pictures from one particular location with a search.

Well, Google got there first (by a week or so), and you can search pictures by location using *Google Photos* while you wait for iOS 9 to get here. Once you open up the app, back up the pictures to the cloud and get into the search function you'll notice that your photos have been sorted by location automatically using the metadata stored in the files themselves – simply tap on a place to see the matching pictures on screen.

There's much more to explore including unlimited photo and video backup (if you don't mind a bit of resizing), movies and slideshows made automatically from your pictures, and some simple editing tools to get your snaps looking their best. iCloud and Apple have got some catching up to do with *Google Photos* when it comes to photo management.

- iPhone+ | iOS 8.1 | Free
- Android | OS 4.0 | Free

“Apple have got some catching up to do with Google Photos and photo management”

MCAFEE SECURITY



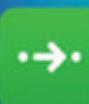
One of the changes arriving with iOS 9 is the introduction of a six-digit PIN code. It's intended to make your device more secure, and while you can't change the number of digits in iOS 8, you can install *McAfee Security* – it offers a PIN-protected secure vault for your most sensitive photos and videos, to ensure they're always well protected.

- iPhone+ | iOS 6.0 | Free
- Android | OS 2.3 | Free



PUBLIC TRANSPORT INFO

Apple Maps is getting public transport timetables and routes as part of iOS 9, *Citymapper* already has these features.



CITYMAPPER

- iPhone+ | iOS 7.0 | Free
- Android | Varies | Free



The secure vault keeps content safe on an exposed iPhone

CLOUD SYNCING APPS

DROPBOX

Apple is introducing some new features into iCloud with iOS 9, but there are plenty of other alternatives for syncing your files across devices via the cloud. *Dropbox* is one of the best and most notable in the business and works just about everywhere – it automatically uploads photos and videos to the web, and there are some handy sharing options too. The quintessential service has 2GB of space offered for free.

- iPhone+ | iOS 7.0 | Free
- Android | OS 4.0.3 | Free

BOX

Box is aimed towards business users but there's plenty of features available here for the individual too. You can get at all of your files from all of your devices, make use of the note-taking component while you're on the go, view many popular file types without having to make use of another app and automatically upload photos and videos from your iOS device to the cloud. You will also get 10GB of storage space for free.

- iPhone+ | iOS 7.0 | Free
- Android | OS 4.0 | Free

GOOGLE DRIVE

As you would expect from Google, everything works well across the web and multiple devices, and you can create documents in the cloud, as well as scan files using your device's camera. To begin with you will get 15GB of free space available to be used across *Drive*, *Gmail* and the new *Google Photos* free of charge.

- iPhone+ | iOS 7.0 | Free
- Android | Varies | Free

ONEDRIVE

Microsoft took a while to get its cloud storage and syncing game going, but it's certainly catching up now through its *OneDrive* app (formerly known as *SkyDrive*). As we have previously mentioned with the other apps, you can back up photos and videos taken on your device and access your files from anywhere that *OneDrive* (or a web browser) is installed. Free users will get 15GB of space to play with.

- iPhone+ | iOS 7.0 | Free
- Android | Varies | Free

SUGARSYNC

SugarSync is one of the best independent syncing and backup services out there at the moment, and it handles everything from offline access to file sharing very neatly. On the desktop, you can back up any folder you like, and just about every platform there is a client available. There's no free tier, but you can try it out for free for 30 days.

- iPhone+ | iOS 7.0 | Free
- Android | OS 1.6 | Free

APPLE MUSIC RIVALS

SPOTIFY MUSIC

 **Apple Music** isn't strictly speaking an iOS 9 feature (it arrives with iOS 8.4) but it's still interesting to compare the competition. *Spotify* is the market leader with just about all the features you need, plus a free tier – something Apple's service doesn't have. The most recent iOS update brings a touch preview feature for quickly scanning through your music library.

● iPhone+ | iOS 7.0 | Freemium
● Android | Varies | Freemium

RDIO MUSIC

 *Rdio* tends to live in *Spotify*'s shadow, which is a shame as it's just as good in many ways. It works across apps, computers and the web, and you can easily control playback from one device on another. It has a lighter, cleaner interface than *Spotify*'s, although it lacks the ability to import your own local files to fill any gaps that you might find in its library.

● iPhone+ | iOS 7.0 | Freemium
● Android | Varies | Freemium

GOOGLE PLAY MUSIC

 You can use *Google Play Music* to stream up to 50,000 of your own tracks for free, but it really comes into its own when you pay for a monthly subscription – as you can stream millions of tracks just as you would do on *Apple Music*. The subscription package also includes smart autogenerated playlists based around particular moods or the time of day.

● iPhone+ | iOS 7.0 | Freemium
● Android | Varies | Freemium

DEEZER MUSIC

 Well-known in Europe but yet to launch in the US, *Deezer* has plenty of features to enjoy, including a more expensive high-fidelity subscription option. There's a free ad-supported tier as well as the option to import your own tracks to use alongside the millions of tracks in the streaming library. It's a slick and polished alternative.

● iPhone+ | iOS 7.0 | Freemium
● Android | Varies | Freemium

TIDAL

 *Tidal* has been rising high on a wave of publicity thanks to a long list of celebrity backers and with a more expensive lossless audio streaming tier. Other than that lossless audio, there's not too much to make it stand out, although it does promise music recommendations curated by experts as well as plenty of high-definition video footage.

● iPhone+ | iOS 7.0 | Freemium
● Android | OS 4.1 | Freemium

GOOGLE



Apple is bringing a Proactive feature to Siri, so that the digital assistant knows more about you and can make timely suggestions (like directions to a place you regularly go to). Of course a lot of this kind of functionality is already available in Google Now, which you can get in the *Google* app for iOS (even if it's not quite as comprehensive as the Android version).

● iPhone+ | iOS 7.0 | Free
● Android | Varies | Free



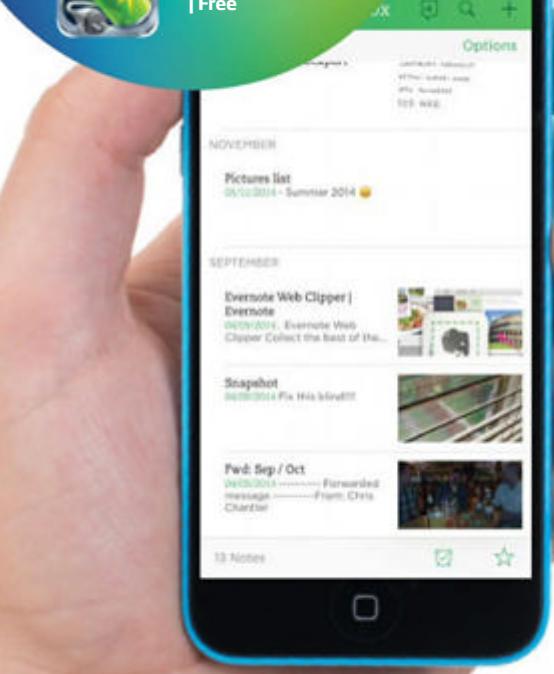
IMPROVE BATTERY LIFE

You don't have to wait for iOS 9 to improve battery performance, as *Battery Doctor* includes plenty of useful juice-saving tricks of its own.



BATTERY DOCTOR

● iPhone | iOS 6.0 | Free

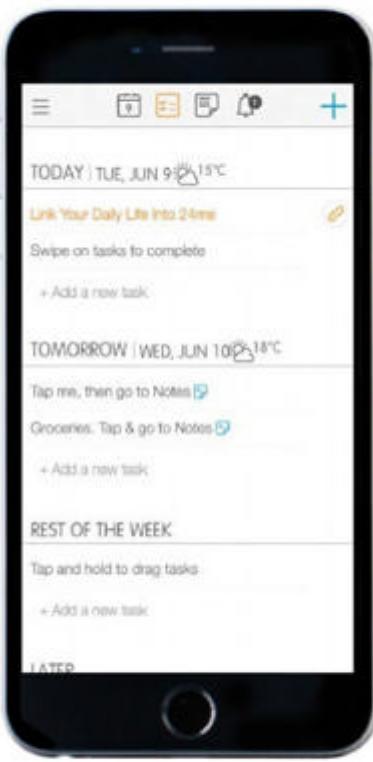


24ME



24me is another Siri alternative worth a look. It has all kinds of clever tricks up its sleeve, including the ability to sync multiple calendars from different sources and then automatically generate tasks and reminders for you. Like Google Now, *24me* offers its users smart alerts too, such as warnings of heavy traffic queues on the way to your next scheduled destination.

● iPhone+ | iOS 7.0 | Free
● Android | OS 4.0 | Free



EVERNOTE



Apple is treating users to a significant update to its often-overlooked *Notes* app when iOS 9 rolls around – you're going to be able to add photos and checklists, as well as format text and even include web links

and doodles as well. It's designed to help Apple keep up and compete with some of the best note-taking apps around, and *Evernote* is certainly one of them.

It can handle all of the new features coming to *Notes* effortlessly, and another of its key advantages is that it's available on just about every platform you care to name (including your browser). Millions of users rely on *Evernote* to keep everything in sync between devices, but the flexibility and versatility that makes it so appealing also means it's a difficult app to describe if you've never used it before.

You can think of *Evernote* as a virtual scrapbook that lives in the cloud, enabling you to collect and collate all manner of text, images, links and drawings. There's a strong to-do component in the *Evernote* app as well, so it doubles up as a useful task manager.

● iPhone+ | iOS 7.0 | Free
● Android | Varies | Freemium

SWIFTKEY



There are some pretty minor keyboard changes coming down the line in iOS 9, but since the release of iOS 8 there's been no need to wait for any updates or indeed use the default keyboard at all – iPhones and iPads can now make use of third-party keyboards with the benefit of extra features, and *SwiftKey* is one of the best. A basic set of themes is available for free.

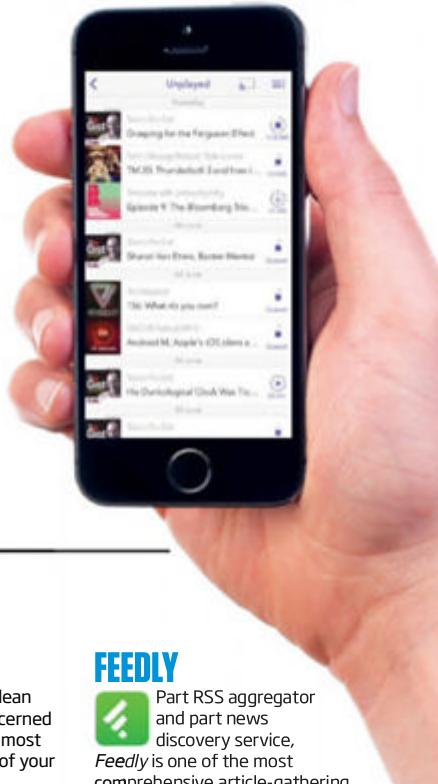
- iPhone+ | iOS 8.0 | Free
- Android | OS 2.3 | Free

POCKET CASTS



Apple's *Podcasts* app is getting some tweaks in iOS 9, including the option to view all unplayed podcasts in a list. While you wait for it to arrive, you could try an app that can already do this and much more, like *Pocket Casts* – it also syncs your episodes across iOS, Android and the web. Other features include automatic silence skipping and speed controls.

- iPhone+ | iOS 8.0 | £2.99/\$3.99
- Android | OS 4.1 | £2.49/\$3.99



iOS 9 NEWS ALTERNATIVES

FLIPBOARD



Like *News*, *Flipboard* offers a carefully curated collection of interesting articles from the web, with layouts designed to look beautiful on mobile devices, and you can choose from a broader range of sources too. There's also the option to pick a selection of topics you're interested in to start you off, and you can even curate your own *Flipboard* magazine.

- iPhone+ | iOS 7.0 | Free
- Android | Varies | Free

FACEBOOK



Facebook is also keen to get into the world of publishing with its new Instant Articles – these features are created specifically to be shown on *Facebook* by the likes of *Buzzfeed*, the BBC and the *New York Times*. They're designed to be laid out and optimised for the *Facebook* mobile app and they look very similar to the stories Apple showed off at WWDC.

- iPhone+ | iOS 7.0 | Free
- Android | Varies | Free

CIRCA NEWS



Circa takes a more minimalist approach to news but like Apple's app it's built specifically for mobile devices. The underlying idea is that you will receive news in bite-sized chunks, enabling you to follow the stories you care about and ignore the rest. The Daily Wire is especially useful; it's a hand-picked list of must-read articles delivered straight to you.

- iPhone | iOS 7.0 | Free
- Android | OS 4.0.3 | Free

DIGG



Digg is another clean and fast app concerned with putting the most important news in front of your eyeballs in the most aesthetically pleasing way possible. Along the way it uses a mixture of human judgement and social media signals to pick articles from the web, though you can easily tweak the various algorithms using your own preferences too.

- iPhone+ | iOS 7.0 | Free
- Android | Varies | Free

FEEDLY



Part RSS aggregator and part news discovery service, *Feedly* is one of the most comprehensive article-gathering apps currently available for iOS or any other platform. Set up an account and you can sync reading material from multiple devices, and everything is perfectly formatted to fit a smaller screen no matter what the original source.

- iPhone+ | iOS 7.0 | Free
- Android | OS 4.0 | Free

TRUECALLER



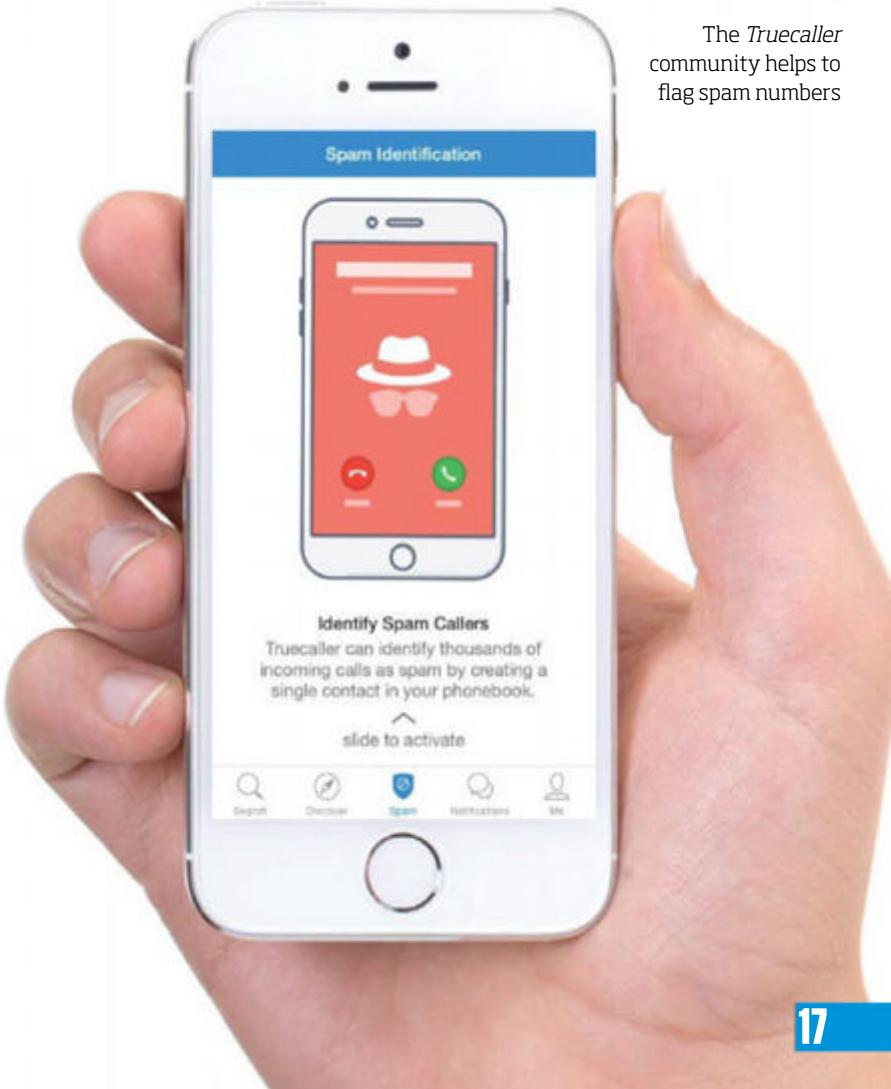
Apple has been busy tidying up various aspects of the contacts and caller interface in iOS 9, and one of those changes will enable you to identify an unknown number as it comes through a call on your phone. Well, guess what – there's already an app that can do that for you in the form of *Truecaller*.

If you see a number that you don't recognise, *Truecaller* can help you hunt down the source. Thanks to the diligent reporting efforts of the *Truecaller* community, you can even get warnings about spam calls – you'll receive a warning if the number has already been flagged up by others. The app boasts more than 1.7 million users so the information should be accurate and up to date.

There's an integrated number searching function and it can also work with your existing contacts to keep them current and to spot people you actually do know. The app offers a widget for the Notification Centre and Yelp integration to identify local business numbers too, so you should be well covered while you wait for iOS 9.

- iPhone+ | iOS 7.0 | Freemium
- Android | OS 2.3.3 | Freemium

“If you see a number that you don't recognise, Truecaller can help you hunt down the source”



The *Truecaller* community helps to flag spam numbers

SUMMER ESSENTIALS

THE BEST APPS TO ENSURE YOU HAVE FUN IN THE SUN



BANDSINTOWN CONCERTS

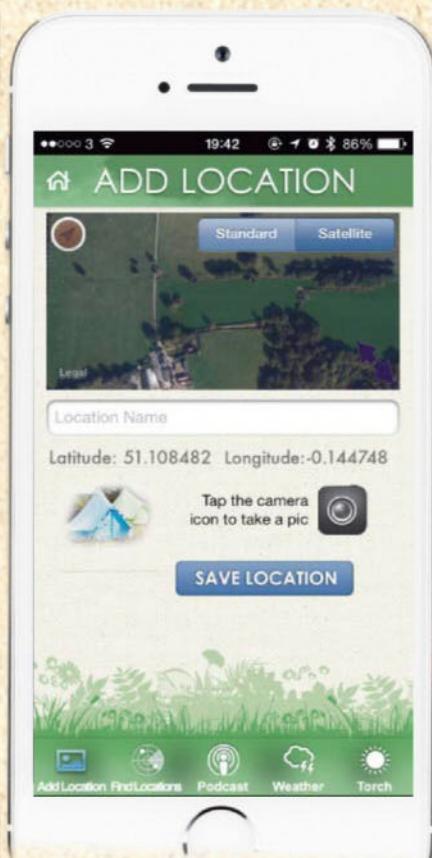


Keeping up with who is playing where at any time has never been an easy task, and strangely it is one that has until recently remained a chore even with the internet and computers so widespread.

Bandsintown Concerts, however, is designed to help you locate the very best concerts in the most suitable locations with just a simple search. You can receive automatic notifications for your favourite artists and also browse more widely by checking what is happening in a particular city. *Bandsintown* will use your music library to try and gauge who you would most prefer to see, and overall it does exactly what it says it should and more. Summer doesn't feel the same for many people without the occasional concert thrown in and now you have all of the information you need to make the most of the weather and your favourite music at the same time. To top all of these features off, when you find a concert you want to attend, you can even buy tickets which will be useful if they are selling quickly, which tends to happen with many artists.

- iPhone+ | iOS 6.0 | Free
- Android | OS 2.3.3 | Free

“Bandsintown will use your music library to try and gauge who you would most prefer to see”



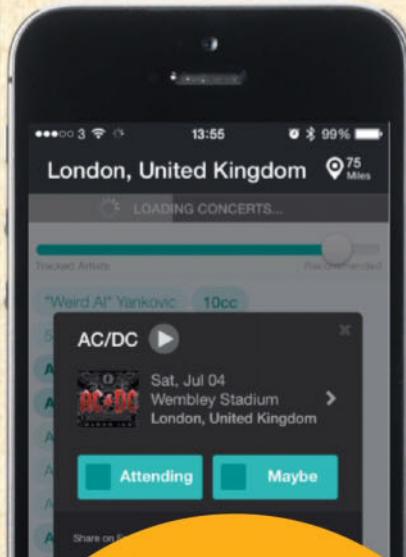
BC TENT FINDER

You may scoff at the thought of needing an app to find your way back to a tent, but if you have ever been to a huge concert or festival, or stayed at a larger than average camp site, then you may find that it is actually quite easy to lose track of where you are staying and first set up your tent. This app lets you pin the exact location and also take a photo so that you can be sure to find it later, and you can also check the weather or use the built-in torch when darkness sets in. It's actually surprisingly useful.

- iPhone+ | iOS 5.1 | Free

LEFT Losing a tent in a huge field really is not difficult, *BC Tent Finder* makes finding it again easy

BELOW Catch the latest concerts from your favourite artists with your phone



DON'T GET BURNT

You likely understand the dangers of staying in the sun too long, but with this app you can check how long to sunbathe using multiple factors.



WOLFRAM SUN EXPOSURE REFERENCE APP

- iPad+ | iOS 7.0 | £0.79/\$0.99

LONG SUMMER JOURNEYS

FLIGHTRADAR24

If you have a holiday coming and want to track your flight, there is no better way to do so than with *Flightradar24* which offers a huge array of accurate flight information in the most pleasing of ways. The other benefit is that if you are scared of flying, this is a great way to get into your mind just how many planes fly long trips without problems every single day.

- iPad+ | iOS 6.0 | £2.99/\$3.99
- Android | OS 2.3.3 | £2.49/\$3.99

GPS NAVIGATION, MAPS & TRAFFIC



When travelling to a local event or through foreign countries, there's now a solution which is extremely cost effective and which offers all of the advanced features you could need. From traffic to offline maps to speed camera warnings, it is all here and it is capable of keeping you on track for every second of your trip. Use it for every journey.

- iPad+ | iOS 7.0 | Freemium
- Android | OS 4.0 | Freemium

PEPPA'S PAINTBOX

“Are we there yet?” If you are a parent, that phrase will be stuck in your mind, but with the help of *Peppa's Paintbox* you may be able to keep your children quiet for some considerable time. There is a decent variety of stickers, drawing tools and characters for them to play with, and it should be enough to help your summer holiday get off to the best possible start.

- iPad+ | OS 5.1.1 | Free
- Android | OS 3.0 | Free

MAPS.ME

On an exotic summer holiday, one of the benefits may be a lack of internet access, but you may still have a need to get to a random destination on foot. With *MAPS.ME*, you can download maps for more than 300 countries and then use them offline. The added benefit is that the detail is truly excellent and a perfect replacement for paper maps.

- iPad+ | iOS 5.1.1 | Free
- Android | OS 2.3 | Free

YONDER

Yonder is designed to help you discover exciting activities and adventures that are close to you which makes for a very interesting app experience. However, if you are away for the summer in a location you do not know too well, it could completely transform your break and open your eyes to more than 20,000 exciting destinations. A very useful app to carry with you.

- iPhone+ | iOS 7.1 | Free
- Android | OS 4.0 | Free

HOLIDAY FIXES

GOOGLE TRANSLATE

 One of the major difficulties you will likely encounter when abroad is trying to communicate with people who do not speak your language. You could spend time trying to learn it before you leave or you could simply use this app to type of speak a phrase and have it translated in an instant for both parties. Take some time to get used to it because it works brilliantly.

● iPad+ | iOS 7.0 | Free
● Android | Varies | Free

BATTERY DOCTOR

 One of the major benefits of summer is that the days are longer and as such you should consider ensuring that your phone will get you through every day with ease. *Battery Doctor* not only offers advice on how to keep your battery in the best condition, but it also offers the most complete stats so that you always know how much power you have left. Enjoy every minute.

● iPhone+ | iOS 6.0 | Free

XE CURRENCY

 Whether you are buying products abroad or need to purchase foreign currency for a future summer break, *XE Currency* will be your friend when you need it. It can instantly offer rates and conversions for hundreds of currencies and always offers up-to-the-minute results, making it the ideal tool to help you make the right purchasing decision. An extremely useful solution.

● iPad+ | iOS 6.0 | Free
● Android | Varies | Free

TRIPADVISOR

 *TripAdvisor* is obviously most useful when planning a holiday because it can help you take care of flights, accommodation and eating establishments, but it can also be used during a break to find the best local places to eat and stay. With literally thousands of user reviews, an easy-to-use interface and a big brand name, there really is little need to look elsewhere for recommendations.

● iPad+ | iOS 7.0 | Free
● Android | Varies | Free

ST JOHN AMBULANCE

 From minor grazes on the sand to more serious medical incidents, it is always advisable to have some expert medical advice in your pocket and the *St John Ambulance First Aid* app is a great addition to your knowledge. With simple but clear graphics and all of the medical speak broken down to plain English, it really could have a huge impact on you and your friends.

● iPad+ | iOS 6.0 | Free
● Android | OS 1.6 | Free

COCKTAIL FLOW

 Few drinks fit a summer evening mood better than a smooth cocktail, and with this app you can create as many as you like using hundreds of different ingredients. From a Pink Rum to a Bloody Brain, the list is comprehensive meaning that you will get to enjoy the consumption as much as the creation. *Cocktail Flow* is perfect for hosting parties with friends or for sounding knowledgeable at the outdoor bar.

● iPad+ | iOS 7.0 | Freemium
● Android | Varies | Freemium

VIRTUAL LIGHTER

 You know the feeling. You are enjoying the smooth music at an open-air concert and the sun is going down, but you quite wisely do not own a real cigarette lighter to show your appreciation. With the *Virtual Lighter* app, however, you can quickly turn on your phone and open the app to produce the same effect, but one which is safer and which fits better in the modern technological age we live in.

● iPhone+ | iOS 4.3 | Freemium



RIGHT Light up and avoid getting burnt by flames



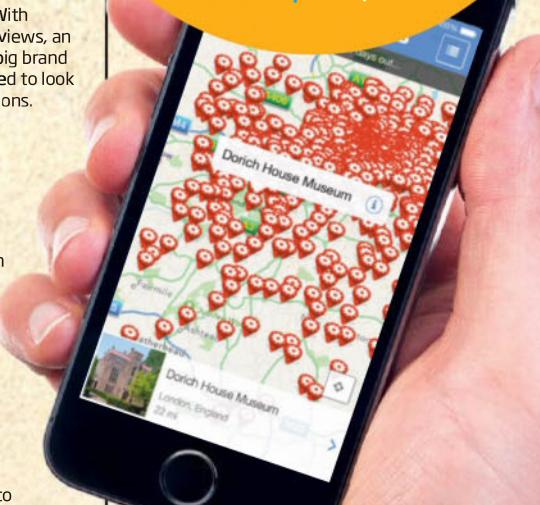
PERFECT BURGERS

The pressure to create the perfect barbecue can be immense when you are feeding a group, but this app will help you every step of the way.



GRILLTIME – GRILL TIMER FOR STEAK, CHICKEN, & BBQ

● iPhone | iOS 8.2
£1.49/\$1.99



HOW IT WORKS: GREAT DAYS OUT



With the summer season comes the chance to enjoy days out and there is no better way to discover what is available than the *How It Works: Great Days Out* app. With thousands of locations and venues covered, all you have to do is let the app know your location and a map will immediately populate with all of the best places to go in your vicinity. You are given relevant information such as opening times and prices, and you can even get directions in seconds. Apps like this may sound quite standard, but when you consider that they can be the catalyst for many enjoyable days during the summer, you will start to appreciate the value that is included here. If you want to get friends involved, you can share locations with a tap and also save the best ones to your favourites for visiting again in the future. This all makes sense because the database of locations is not just extensive, but it covers all types of attractions so that families and groups of friends can benefit in equal measure from what is on offer. You can now truly enjoy your summer.

● iPhone+ | iOS 7.0 | Free



There should always be time to read and with *Kobo*, you can catch up on a selection of thousands whenever the mood strikes. This makes it perfect for lounging around on the beach or for when sunbathing by the pool and the prices for most books are very competitive as well. A decent book while relaxing under the summer sun makes for a perfect seasonal experience.

● iPad+ | iOS 7.0 | Free
● Android | Varies | Free

WATERLOGGED



You have got yourself fit for summer, the parties and festivals have been sorted and you are aware of how much time you should spend under the sun, but what about your water intake? It is absolutely vital that you drink enough water and stay hydrated during hot days, and with this app you can manage those tiny reminders to drink fluids in the simplest of visual ways. *Waterlogged* can make a huge difference to your health.

● iPhone+ | iOS 8.0 | Free



HAVE SOME SUMMER FUN

SAY PLAY

 *Say Play* makes sharing music with friends easier than ever before thanks to an extremely simple setup, which is backed by the comprehensive power of YouTube. All you have to do is tap the red button and say the song or the artist that you want to listen to out loud, at which point *Say Play* will start playing almost every time. Wherever you are, it is great fun.

● iPad+ | iOS 7.0
● £2.29/\$2.99

BIG LENS



It would be wonderful if we could all carry a DSLR camera when having fun in the sun, but that is not always practical. *Big Lens* offers the ability to create a genuine depth-of-field effect on just your phone which means that you can still enjoy what you are doing and capture some fantastic memories.

● iPad+ | iOS 6.0
● £0.79/\$0.99
● Android | OS 4.0
● £0.61/\$0.99

KWILT



Capturing great photos during summertime is one thing, but what happens to them when the seasons change? *Kwilt* is designed to let you view all of your photos in a much more natural way and from a variety of sources. Dropbox, Google Drive, Flickr and so many other services are supported and it works seamlessly throughout. *Kwilt* creates a near-perfect photo album.

● iPad+ | iOS 7.0 | Freemium

YAHOO WEATHER



There is no such thing as a summer without the occasional rainy day and so it makes sense to be able to check the forecasted weather conditions whenever you want. *Yahoo Weather* offers this ability and in a style which is the envy of many others. With subtle animations, a copious amount of detail and multicloud support, *Yahoo Weather* offers a lot of benefits.

● iPad+ | iOS 7.0 | Free
● Android | Varies | Free

STELLER



Sharing important events has become as common an activity as any other on the internet and on social media, and if you want to do just this, why not use an app like *Steller*? It lets you combine text, photos and videos in a highly professional, beautiful way with a minimum of effort and the end results will not only bring back precious memories, but is also likely to impress all of your friends.

● iPad+ | iOS 7.0 | Free

7 MINUTE WORKOUT CHALLENGE

 Most of us lead busier lives than we used to which can limit the amount of time available to do exercises and get fitter. This can become even more of a problem when summer arrives and you want to look your best on the beach or at a swanky evening party, but don't worry - there is a solution at hand. *7 Minute Workout Challenge* claims to offer the equivalent of a one-hour workout in just seven minutes thanks to the research that has been done to create a series of exercises that can benefit every part of your body. From push-ups to lunges to squats, the range of workouts is truly impressive and there are many achievement-related features which should give you the motivation to keep going every single day to keep exercising. Surprisingly, it feels like a little work really does go a long way with this app and if you stick to the daily routines, you will look and feel much better in your summer clothes. Ultimately, however, it does a lot more than that and can have a positive effect on your health and your mind as well, which cannot be a bad thing. It's time to get fit and beautiful for summer.

● iPhone+ | iOS 6.0 | £2.29/\$2.99
● Android | OS 2.3.3 | £2.40/\$2.98

"It feels like a little work really does go a long way"

BELOW Get physically beach-ready in seven minutes



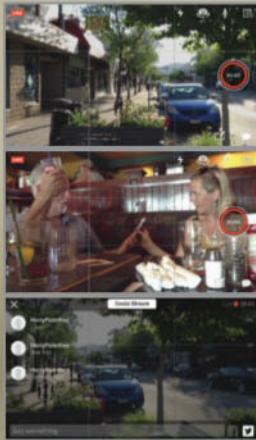
LIVE VIDEO STREAMING APPS

APPS THAT WILL GET YOU LIVE ONLINE ANYWHERE

USTREAM

U It's easy to broadcast yourself after you create a *Ustream* account. Tap the camera icon or access the Go Live option in the menu to initiate the camera. The app only broadcasts in landscape mode but you can share a link to your video, save finished streams and find other live feeds. Low on options but good enough to let you stream your message out there.

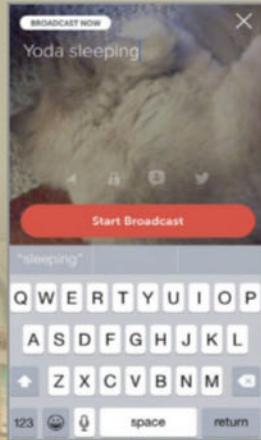
- iPhone+ | iOS 7.0
- | Freemium | v3.0.5
- Android | Varies
- | Freemium | Varies



PERISCOPE

P If 140 characters isn't enough, use this new app from Twitter. Broadcasts can be private or shared by posting a link to Twitter. You can also allow only those you follow to comment. When the stream is finished, the app shows your viewer tally and uploads a recording. The Twitter link should get you a bigger audience than any other app reviewed here.

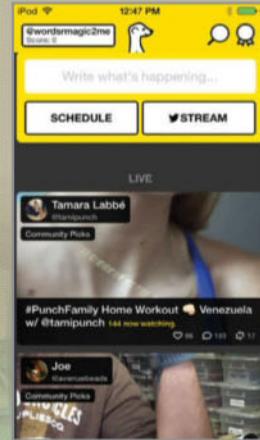
- iPhone+ | iOS 7.1
- | Free | v1.1
- Android | OS 4.4
- | Free | v1.0.1



MEERKAT

M This app offers similar features as *Periscope*, such as following other users and linking to your live stream posted on your Twitter feed. Your video is displayed on *Meerkat*'s website and you can schedule when you would like to start broadcasting if you don't want to press Stream. Aesthetically pleasing but remember that the world sees what Twitter sees.

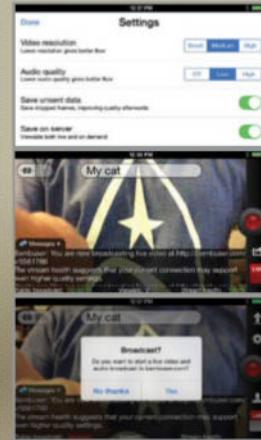
- iPhone+ | iOS 8.0
- | Free | v1.4
- Android | OS 4.3
- | Free | v1.3.3



BAMBUSER

B *Bambuser* is like a social network for video streamers. Once you have an account, you can start broadcasting to the *Bambuser* website. Videos can be set to public or private and shared with friends on social media. You can also download saved streams as FLV files and embed in websites. Despite the strange name, you won't be bamboozled by this app's handy features.

- iPhone | iOS 5.1.1
- | Free | v1.9.14
- Android | Varies
- | Free | Varies

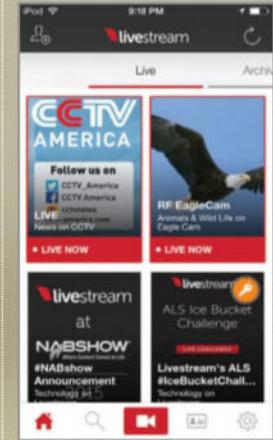


LIVESTREAM

L *Livestream* lets you record in portrait and landscape mode, apply a range of cool filters, stream to the *Livestream* website, mobile devices and Roku set-top boxes, and invite viewers. You can also watch live events from around the world as well.

The filters produce clever effects and are enough to earn it top marks.

- iPhone+ | iOS 7.1
- | Free | v3.8.10
- Android | Varies
- | Free | Varies



NOON PACIFIC

GET A WEEKLY MIXTAPE OF THE BEST NEW MUSIC



There are few things more rewarding than discovering new artists and music that become favourites of yours, but the days of sharing a cassette tape with friends have long gone. You could spend hours building what you considered to be a clever and flowing selection of tracks to show off to your friends back then. With the invent of phones and tablets, the world has changed, but the developer of *Noon Pacific* has tapped into that feeling by offering a new mixtape every week which you can stream for free.

The interface is incredibly simple and only shows a graphic, a list of tracks and extra options which appear when an action is performed. You can play them anywhere you have an internet connection and then move to SoundCloud to do other things with the latest tracks. It all sounds great and easy to use, but it is in the quality of the music that this app truly shines. Time after time, we selected tracks from previous weeks and were more than pleasantly surprised at the diversity and the feeling the

PROS/CONS

- ▲ The simple design is very easy to use
- ▲ The music tracks are diverse and above average in quality
- ▼ You cannot directly download the tracks
- ▼ The genre of music will not appeal to everyone

tracks gave us. It is easy to understand who has created what and to then explore further in SoundCloud to listen to more from the same artist.

Working as a catalyst for discovering new tunes, you know it is a success when you start to look forward to the next selection arriving. It is clear that the developer loves music a lot and this shines through in the design and the way the tracks are curated. In a world of complex apps and services which are designed to grab all of the headlines, this simple app does exactly what it sets out to and will be one which you use often. A brilliant app solution.

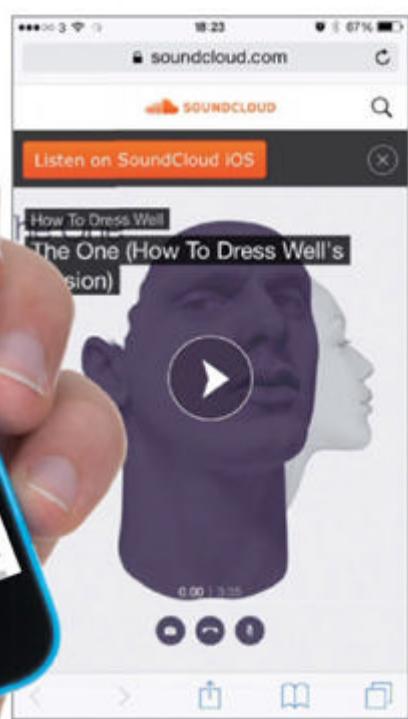


A brilliant weekly mixtape for free brings traditional music sharing to modern phones and tablets.

- iPhone+ | iOS 8.2 | Free | v3.0
<http://bit.ly/noonpacificios>
- Android | OS 2.3.3 | Free | v0.0.1
<http://bit.ly/noonpacificand>



Above The interface within *Noon Pacific* is minimal, but it still works very well



Above There are more options in SoundCloud for recommended tracks

ALTERNATIVELY

Stream music any way you like

01 SOUND CLOUD

 SoundCloud lets you discover new music and podcasts, and the entire service is free. It's slightly clunky in places, but the content is great.

★★★★★
● iPad+ | iOS 7.0 | Free | v3.9.1
● Android | Varies | Free | Varies

02 TUNEIN RADIO

 This radio streaming app does not let you specifically select tracks to play, but the content is huge and the performance is close to perfect.

★★★★★
● iPad+ | iOS 7.0 | Freemium | v7.6
● Android | Varies | Freemium | Varies

03 SPOTIFY MUSIC

 If you are passionate about your music, you will gladly pay the monthly subscription for the millions of tracks on offer in Spotify Music.

★★★★★
● iPad+ | iOS 7.0 | Freemium | v3.2.0
● Android | Varies | Free | Varies

04 LINK UP TV

 Link Up TV lets you download new tracks to play offline, but you will need to be interested or fans of genres like rap and hip hop to benefit the most from the included content in the app.

★★★★★
● iPad+ | iOS 7.0 | Freemium | v2.0.5

05 MUSICIFY

 Musicify works quite similarly to how *Noon Pacific* works, but it has a more direct integration with SoundCloud, but on the other hand, has no curated content to stream each week.

★★★★★
● iPad+ | iOS 7.0 | Freemium | v1.0.1

BEAMLY BITE

ENJOY EASILY DIGESTIBLE ENTERTAINMENT NEWS

 Social TV app Zeebox relaunched as *Beamly* earlier this year and this is one of the new initiatives from the freshly rebranded service: a cut-down version of the main *Beamly* app. You get quicker access to entertainment news and features with fewer social and personalisation options cluttering up the menus.

For a quick dip into the latest TV news it works very well. Articles are bright and well laid-out, and scrolling between headlines and content is simple to do. Who's kissing who on *Corrie*? How well do you know *Peep Show*? What's the latest twist in *Game of Thrones*? Breaking updates sit alongside slightly longer features and the mix is just about right.

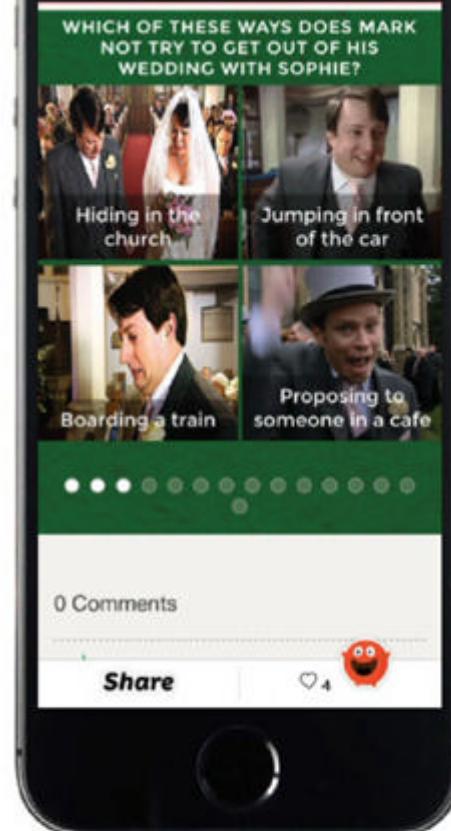
It still has the feel of a work in progress though – a lot of the articles lack depth and seem to have been put together in a rush. There are no central hubs for programmes, no ways to filter through the content and no



Above Unfortunately you can't filter content

customisation options (so you can't choose which shows you want to read about). If you want to add comments you will need to install the full *Beamly* app.

If you're happy with something quick and simple then *Beamly* will certainly fit the bill, but don't expect it to entertain you for any more than five minutes at a time. The *Beamly*



app will offer you much more detail and depth for those who don't mind setting up an account for the full app.

Bite-sized entertainment news on tap, but there's not much depth here.



● iPhone+ | iOS 8.1 | Free | v1.0
<http://bit.ly/beamlybiteios>

MEZZO MUSIC PLAYER

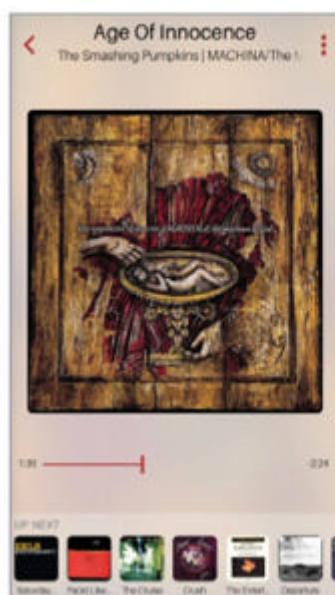
AN ALTERNATIVE PLAYER WITH AN INNOVATIVE QUEUE



Launching a music player for iPhone is a bold move with so many established competitors – not least Apple's own native app and the just-announced new *Apple Music* – but the developers of *Mezzo* don't seem daunted by the challenge. The main selling points for *Mezzo* are an attractive interface and an intuitive queue system that lets you easily navigate around your library and decide what to listen to next.

Much of the app is well designed and laid out, though you may have to unlearn the default swipes and actions you're used to in your usual music player app: a short swipe puts a song next in the queue, a longer swipe adds it to the end of the current list. The usual song, artist and album views are included, as well as a lyrics view that gives you the chance to sing along.

Those lyrics didn't always load correctly and we noticed one or two other graphical glitches too. There's no playlist support (the app uses your iTunes playlists instead), an abundance of ugly-looking ads (you can get rid of them



Left The interface aesthetic is one of *Mezzo*'s best features

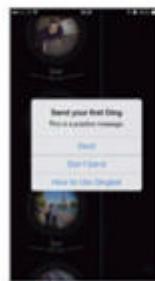
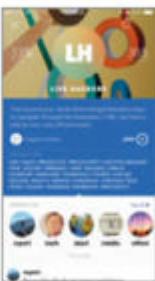
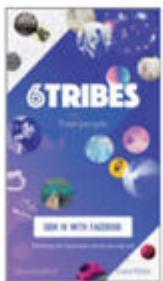
with a £1.49/\$1.99 upgrade) and the overall experience is rather underwhelming.

The design is impressive (though in need of a little polish) and other apps could learn from *Mezzo*'s clever queue system, but there's not enough here to tempt people away from the big names in music player apps.

***Mezzo* has some good ideas to offer music fans but ultimately it fails to impress.**



● iPhone+ | iOS 8.0 | Freemium | v1.1
<http://bit.ly/mezzoplayerios>



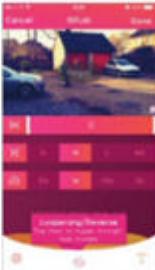
6TRIBES

 *6Tribes* takes an original approach to the world of social networking by bringing you together with people who have the same interests as you. Your 'tribes' are created instantly based upon one big topic such as Urban Explorers and we found that we immediately had things to discuss with those who were complete strangers minutes before. It could be improved in places, but it is off to a very good start and has the potential to be a very popular service.

A new and obvious approach to social networking which has not been done before.



● iPad+ | iOS 8.0 | Free | v1.1



GIFLAB

 Creating GIFs has always been a trickier process than it needs to be, but here we have an app which can do the job for you in seconds. Simply choose a video as the subject to use, and then adjust the speed and quality as required. Add a filter and some text at which point you can share the end result on any network you like or directly via messaging or email. Few solutions are as easy to use as this app while retaining the ability to create quality content.

A simple, but clever app which can turn your videos into great GIFs in seconds.



● iPhone+ | iOS 7.0 | Freemium | v1.0.0

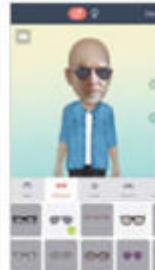
DINGBEL

 The communication features that are unique to the Apple Watch have been greeted with mixed reactions, but it is true to say that they are more personal and efficient than most other systems. *Dingbel* feeds off this phenomenon and lets you communicate with others using single or double taps which will mean different things depending on when they are used. We can see some possibilities for this app, but are not completely convinced that it will be successful.

Apple Watch style messaging comes to an iPhone near you with the Dingbel app.



● iPad+ | iOS 8.0 | Free | v1.0.1



MY IDOL – 3D AVATAR CREATOR

 Avatars are useful for giving yourself an online identity, but *My Idol* takes the idea and expands it in some quite amazing ways. Photograph your face to build a lifelike 3D avatar of your whole body in minutes. You can then add clothes and objects to complete the effect, but it is in the sublime way it is programmed that makes it truly shine. The end results are surprisingly accurate.

An original and polished app. It's great fun.



● iPhone+ | iOS 7.0 | Free | v1.5.6

FUNNY OR DIE NEWS FLASH. REAL NEWS. REAL FUNNY

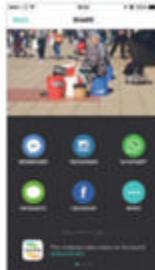


It is true that the daily news is often full of depressing stories, but with this app you can look at the lighter side of life. The chosen articles are good, but at times it feels as though they have been selected purely for the comedy value and they may not all appeal. It is, however, original.

A positive and amusing way to read the latest news with some minor niggles.



● iPad+ | iOS 8.0 | Free | v1.0.4



TEMPO VIDEO EDITOR



Tempo Video Editor lets you pick any clip taken on your phone to add music and effects to in the most efficient ways. You can choose the exact speed of your finished clip and adjust it to the added music, creating videos that are surprisingly professional. The temptation to keep improving is great and we have had a lot of fun with it so far. It is well worth a look.

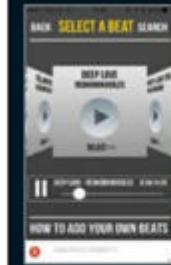
You can now edit videos in a few seconds and still get professional results.



● iPad+ | iOS 8.0 | Freemium | v1.0

TOP 05 apps to...

HIP HOP ESSENTIALS



01 RAP TO BEATS

Get a host of beats and record your own hip hop tunes which can not only be shared but published – as long as you credit the app. There's even a rhyme dictionary as well as options to take notes on your latest lyrics and inspirations. Very cool.



● iPhone+ | iOS 6.0 | Free | v1.6

02 MIX.HIPHOP MIXTAPES

As well as letting you discover new artists, you can also enjoy the latest news in the hip hop industry. This app may have lots of ads but it also lets you stream using your data or download hip hop mixtapes to listen to offline.



● Android | OS 2.3 | Free | v2.3.1

03 GENIUS

 Hip hop lyrics are not always straightforward but by holding your phone when a song plays, this app will recognise the tune and give an explanation of the crucial lines. It really is 'genius'.



● iPhone+ | iOS 7.0 | Free | v1.8.2

04 HIPHOPEARLY

Finding new artists and keeping up to speed with the latest hip hop developments is a must for fans. This Android-only app is authoritative and packed with goodies.



● Android | OS 2.3 | Freemium | v2.1.1

05 RAP RELEASES

 Using a series of watches from platinum to Casio, this app filters through albums to separate what's kickin' from what's not. It filters through reviews and aggregates a score so that you'll never be left out of the loop.



● iPhone+ | iOS 5.0 | Free | v5.0

UPGRADE ACTIVITY TRACKER

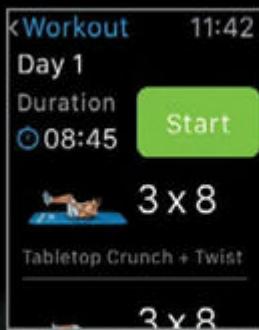
GET FIT AND HEALTHY USING YOUR APPLE WATCH

RUNTASTIC SIX PACK ABS WORKOUT

For a sculpted six pack, the *Runtastic Six Pack Abs* app should be your first port of call. The Apple Watch interface is responsive, and directions for each workout are easy to follow thanks to the handy animations used. The only downside is that workouts aren't varied and can soon become repetitive when done on a daily basis.

Despite its repetitive routines, this is still the best app to help you get that six pack.

★★★★★
 ● iPad+ | iOS 7.0 | Free | v2.3.1
 ● Android | Varies | Free | v1.0

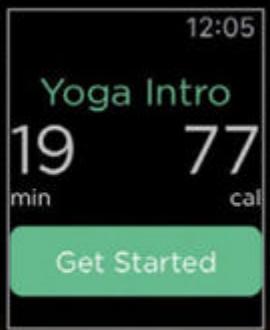


FITSTAR YOGA

Although *FitStar* offers one of the few yoga apps that is currently available for Apple Watch users, its functions are actually quite similar to your standard fitness app so it's not confusing to users. Various positions are displayed on the screen for the user to copy and follow by themselves, but you'll receive no indication on when to change your position, which is a major issue. *FitStar Yoga* is a responsive app that is easy to navigate, however.

Although the app is fantastic to use, the lack of notifications is worrying.

★★★★★
 ● iPad+ | iOS 7.0 | Free | v1.1.1
 ● Android | OS 4.0.3 | Free | v1.6.2



NIKE+ RUNNING

Even though the Apple Watch app lacks the same level of features as its iPhone companion, the *Nike+ Running* app will give you useful up-to-date tracking information on your current or past runs. Users can then share their running times with their friends through their Watch, while it's also possible to send and receive motivation to them to keep them running on the track as well.

While the app loses a lot of its core iPhone features, this is still a fantastic tracking tool.

★★★★★
 ● iPhone+ | iOS 7.0 | Free | v4.7.5
 ● iPad+ | iOS 7.0 | Free | v1.1.0
 ● Android | OS 4.0.3 | Free | v1.6.2



RUNNING AND WALKING WITH ENDOMONDO

If statistics play a big part of your fitness tracking, *Endomondo* is unrivaled. Apple Watch users are able to track things like their pace, calories burnt and the distance travelled on a single screen, but they aren't displayed particularly well. There's very little to really make *Endomondo* a standout Apple Watch app.

Endomondo is the king of fitness apps on iPhone, but the Watch app is lacking.

★★★★★
 ● iPad+ | iOS 7.0 | Freemium | v10.1.0
 ● Android | Varies | Freemium | Varies

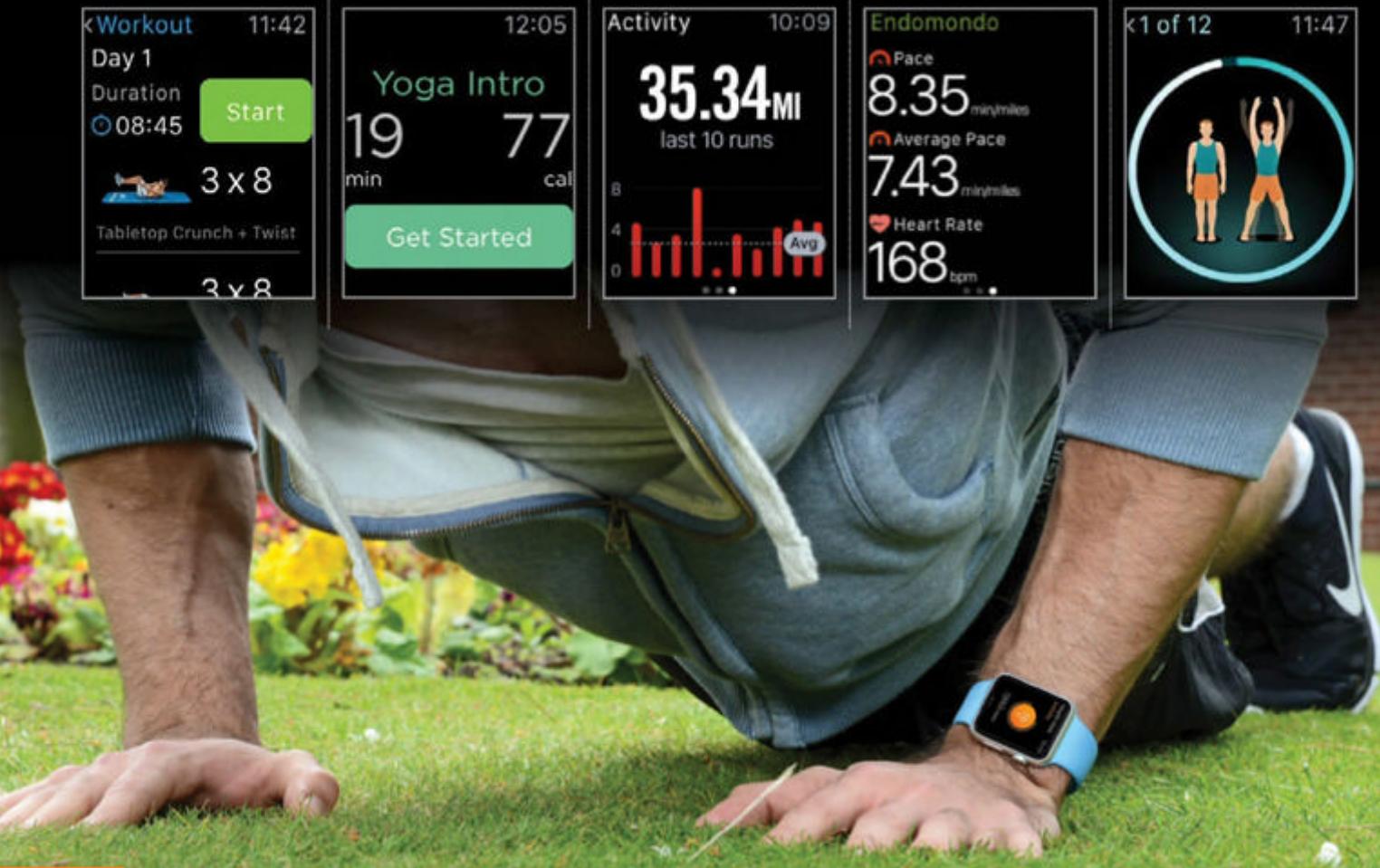
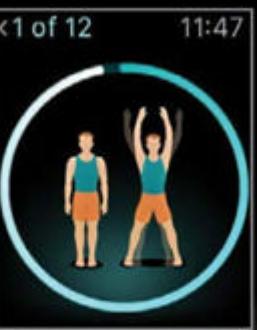


SEVEN – HIGH INTENSITY WORKOUT

For those constantly on the move, *Seven* is a great companion to have. It provides seven-minute workouts whenever you need them, sending you motivation on your Apple Watch to help keep your motivated to exercise. Users can set the type of workout they want to partake in, as well as the muscle group they want to target.

The perfect accompaniment for those who workout when on the move.

★★★★★
 ● iPad+ | iOS 7.0 | Freemium | v2.3
 ● Android | Varies | Freemium | Varies



GOOGLE PHOTOS

A PICTURE-PERFECT UPDATE OFFERS FREE UNLIMITED CLOUD STORAGE

A picture is worth a thousand words they say, well after you back that picture up with *Google Photos* it will surely be worth double that.

Announced and immediately made available at Google I/O in May, *Photos* has completely revamped its own system of how photos are stored.

Upload your entire gallery to the Google Photo library and *Photos* truly opens itself up to you. The Assistant will cleverly automatically suggest things like animations, which can make entertaining automatic GIFs – and the gallery is refreshed with a slick layout cleanly organised by date. Your photos can then be enhanced further with options like adding vignette. It sounds similar to Apple's *Photos*, but it is the gestures and search function that truly sets it apart.

Type in a general keyword and it will provide suggested photos, and far too often, this intelligent function had us exclaiming "How are you doing that?" out loud with its facial recognition and analysis skills. Search a colour like 'Blue' for example and it will cleverly show you everything that it

PROS/CONS

- ▲ The Collections story-making option is brilliant for reminiscing
- ▲ Very easy to use, gestures and search feel intuitive
- ▼ Free storage is limited to photos of 16 megapixels or less
- ▼ No desktop app

thinks is blue: the beach on a summer's day, a woolly jumper, a clear sky and so on. Searching for 'Cat' gave us results of a dog though but you can manually remove these results so that they don't appear in the same search again.

The use of navigation gestures is quite exciting too and came instinctively to us. Just hold your finger still for a few seconds over a photo and then quickly swipe over others to select multiple images. You can also pinch the gallery to view it in day view or month view, or to open or close a photo. It's clear that Google has designed *Photos* to be navigated intuitively, setting it apart from its competitors.

Google Photos has made backing up photos a great pleasure; new features are intuitive and very fun to play with.

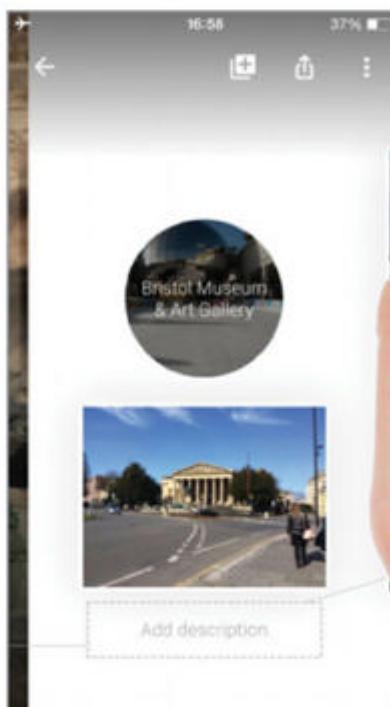


● iPhone+ | iOS 8.1 | Free | v1.0.1

<http://bit.ly/googlephotosios>

● Android | OS 4.0 | Free | v1.0.0.9

<http://bit.ly/googlephotosand>



Above Turn those weekend sight-seeing photos into an interactive story



Above Search for 'Office' and it ironically shows you photos you took outside

ALTERNATIVELY

There are plenty of other ways to back up your photos

01 DROPBOX

 This essential storage app lets you access and sync photos and files on your desktop, smartphone and more. Great for sharing folders and files.

- ★★★★★
- iPhone+ | iOS 7.0 | Free | v3.9.1
- Android | OS 4.0.3 | Free | v2.5.0.4

02 FLICKR

 With 1,000GB of free photo storage available, *Flickr* is a great choice for photography fans and for storing more high-resolution images.

- ★★★★★
- iPhone+ | iOS 8.0 | Free | v4.0.2
- Android | Varies | Free | Varies

03 PHOTOS

 Not strictly an app for backing up photos, but works well with the built-in iCloud option. Apple's *Photos* gives you smart search suggestions and provides plenty of image enhancements.

- ★★★★★
- iPhone+ | iOS 8.0 | Free | v1.0

04 SHOEBOX

 Boasting unlimited storage (of up to 10.6 megapixels), *Shoebox* beats all the others in size with a cool lockscreen gallery feature too.

- ★★★★★
- iPhone+ | iOS 6.0 | Freemium | v3.0.6
- Android | Varies | Freemium | Varies

05 AMAZON PHOTOS

 Starting with 5GB of free storage *Amazon Photos* backs up both images and videos, but is lacking in features otherwise.

- ★★★★★
- iPhone+ | iOS 7.0 | Free | v3.5.2
- Android | OS 2.3.3 | Free | v3.9.0.0.2635g

TANDEM - LANGUAGE EXCHANGE

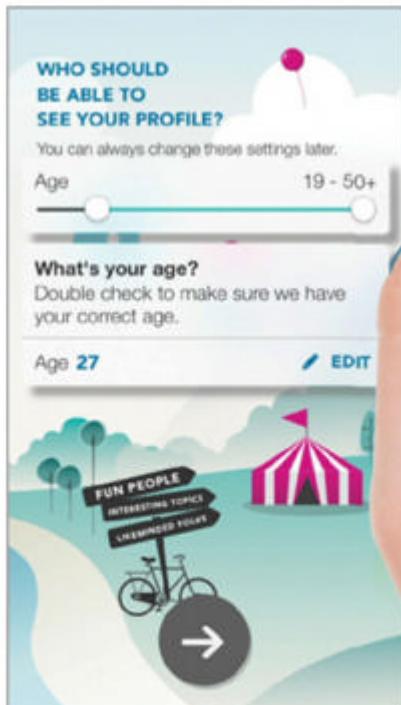
LEARN NEW LANGUAGES WITH THIS MODERN DAY 'PEN PAL' APP



If you want to learn a language but are more interested in having a friendly chat than studying the correct grammar and syntax, *Tandem - Language Exchange* may be for you. It pairs you with users in different countries, so you can chat face to face over a video call, to discuss different topics and hopefully master a new tongue.

The set-up process is a little disconcerting; it often feels more like you're joining a dating site. After setting up, the app, gives way to a friendly and informal interface.

As its name suggests, the app is based on the premise of a 'tandem partnership' where people meet to exchange their conversational skills in a particular language but this online community eradicates the need to even step out of the house. Rather than the pressure of attending night school or discussion groups, the user simply taps 'Find Chats' to let other members know what they are looking for (eg "I want to improve my Italian") and *Tandem* provides a list of users who might be able to help.



Above Sometimes setting up *Tandem* feels a bit like joining a dating website

PROS/CONS

- ▲ An engaging way to learn a new language
- ▲ A range of ways to communicate
- ▼ Logging in via Facebook is required
- ▼ The app provides no additional support for learning

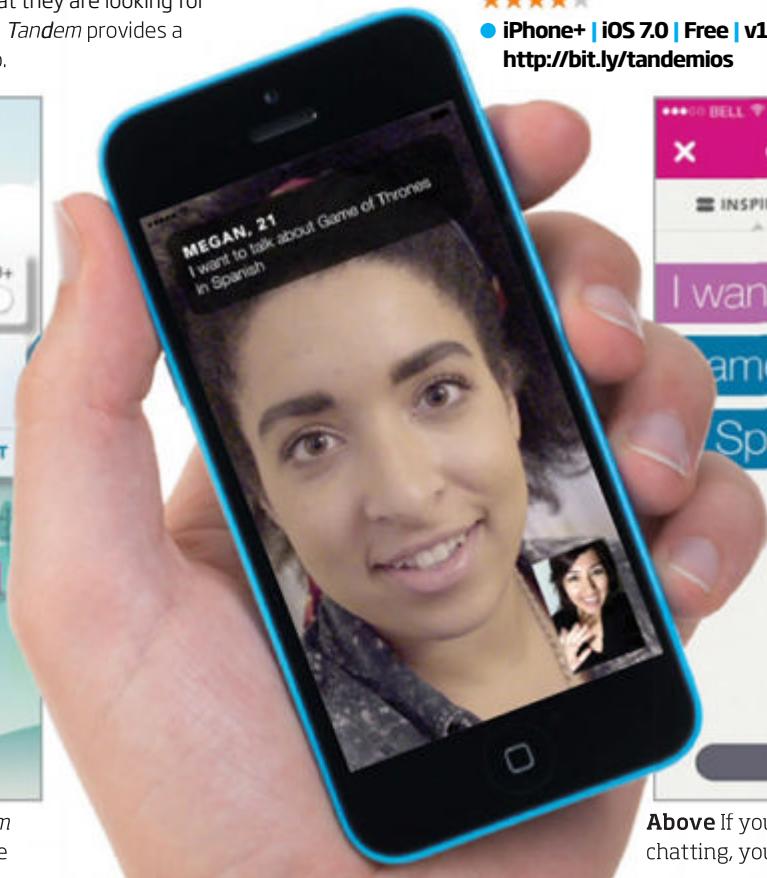
Users can then communicate through the app, preferably as a video chat. The idea of calling a random person from another country to speak a language you barely know may sound a little daunting, but during our review we spoke with several users while trying to learn Italian, and they were all friendly and encouraging. If you're still not comfortable, there is always the option to audio call without video or just exchange text messages instead.

And that's it. The app doesn't offer any additional support, if you want to improve pronunciation and master grammar, you will have to ask other users. A downfall of the current version of the app is the fact you can only sign up using Facebook, but the developers plan to change this.

Practice your language skills with other users, but don't expect to learn a language at more than conversational level.



● iPhone+ | iOS 7.0 | Free | v1.2.2
<http://bit.ly/tandemios>



Above If you don't feel comfortable video chatting, you can also text other users

ALTERNATIVELY

Master speaking in a foreign tongue

01 DUOLINGO

 Learn a language step by step from basic phrases to translating whole paragraphs with *Duolingo*. It's free and there are no ads either.

★★★★★

- iPad+ | iOS 7.0 | Free | v4.3.2
- Android | Varies | Free | Varies

02 ROSETTA STONE

 *Rosetta Stone* is expensive, but it will guide you with immersive video and advanced speech-recognition software.

★★★★★

- iPad+ | iOS 7.0 | Freemium | v2.4
- Android | OS 3.0 | Freemium | v2.3.10

03 BABBEL

 *Babbel* uses a combination of repetition, completing phrases and repeating back phrases, but is structured more like a text message.

★★★★★

- iPhone+ | iOS 7.0 | Freemium | v5.0
- Android | OS 4.1 | Freemium | v5.2.4.042816

04 LIVING LANGUAGES COURSE PACK

 Covering a wide range of languages, this series of apps focuses on learning sentences and new words. It also lets you skip levels if you're already proficient in them.

★★★★★

- iPhone+ | iOS 7.0 | Freemium | v2.0.2
- Android | Varies | Freemium | Varies

05 MEMRISE

 *Memrise* has a gameplay approach that sees you earn points to 'level up' as you master languages. Impressively *Memrise* covers 200 languages.

★★★★★

- iPhone+ | iOS 7.0 | Freemium | v2.0.2
- Android | Varies | Freemium | Varies

POPSUGAR WEDDINGS

MAKE IT A NICE DAY FOR A WHITE WEDDING



Sweet and Simple: 25 Wedding Cakes For the Minimalist Couple

VIEW SLIDE SHOW

by Lianne-Mejia

APRIL 7, 2015

You won't find any frills or fuss here. When it

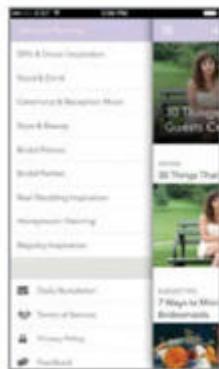


Wedding season is upon us and plenty of stressed-out couples will be feverishly looking for ways to make the build-up to their big day a little easier. Popsugar have come up with a handy app to try and take the stress out of the notoriously tricky business of organising a wedding. The *POPSUGAR WEDDINGS* app appears to have covered all of the bases by providing helpful advice on a variety of aspects of wedding planning, including tips for music, food and drink. The various aspects of a wedding are divided into handy sections, with each section boasting a vast array of articles which serve up a bevy of tips, ideas and even free printables to keep costs down.

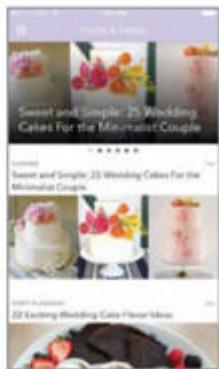
The articles are retrieved from the lifestyle website **popsugar.com** and the sheer volume of information ensures no stone has been left unturned, although this is also a downfall of the app as it can be time-consuming to trawl

Left Printables can be downloaded to help keep wedding costs down

“The various aspects of a wedding are divided into handy sections, with each section boasting an array of articles”



Above Aspects of wedding planning are divided into sections



Above Articles can be shared via social media and email

through. It would also be helpful if there was a feature so that users can 'favourite' articles for later reading, but it is possible to 'share' articles via Facebook, Twitter and email.

All in all, the app is likely to prove an invaluable tool for engaged couples struggling for ideas for their big day.

Struggling for ideas for your big day? POPSUGAR take all the stress out of wedding planning.

★★★★★
● iPhone+ | iOS 7.0 | Free | v1.0
<http://bit.ly/popsugarwedios>

HOOKS

GET NOTIFICATIONS FOR ANYTHING AND EVERYTHING

 **HOOKS** is brilliantly simple in both its design and concept. The notion of yet another app providing alerts, notifications and reminders of something that is going to happen is despair-inducing for iPhone users everywhere but *HOOKS* serves up something different. It allows the user to personalise notifications and the updates can be of pretty much anything.

HOOKS can update you on events that are about to happen, whether it is a new episode of

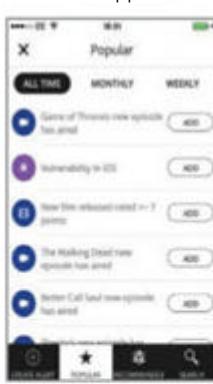
your favourite television series or an upcoming gig, and it alerts you to latest events: from breaking news stories to your sports teams' latest scores. Rather than having to delve into a variety of different apps to find the information you crave, *HOOKS* keeps it all in one handy place.

There are over 100 channels and more than one million alerts to choose from so there really is something for everyone and what's more it is compatible with the Apple Watch so you don't even need to have your phone on you to find out how badly your football team is performing on a Saturday afternoon.

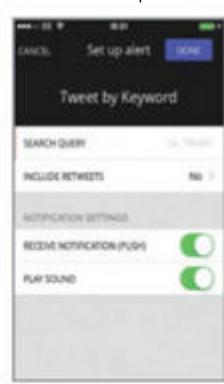
A couple of nifty design features include the ability to share alerts via Facebook, Twitter, text or email and important notifications can be regularly updated in your own 'favourites' section as well.

Never miss a thing with *HOOKS* and its all-encompassing, customisable notifications.

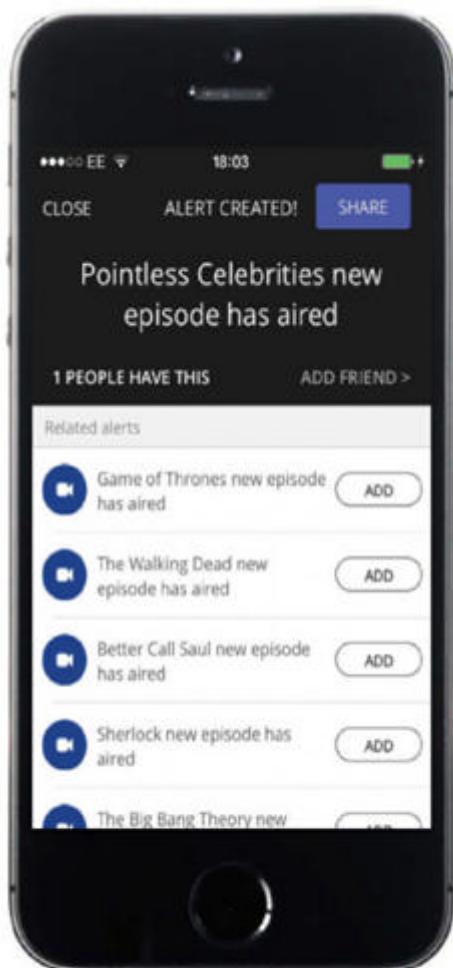
★★★★★
● iPhone+ | iOS 7.0 | Free | v2.2.1
<http://bit.ly/hooksios>



Above Keep abreast of all of the latest sports scores



Above Get notified of Tweets with important keywords



1 PEOPLE HAVE THIS ADD FRIEND >

Related alerts

Game of Thrones new episode has aired **ADD**

The Walking Dead new episode has aired **ADD**

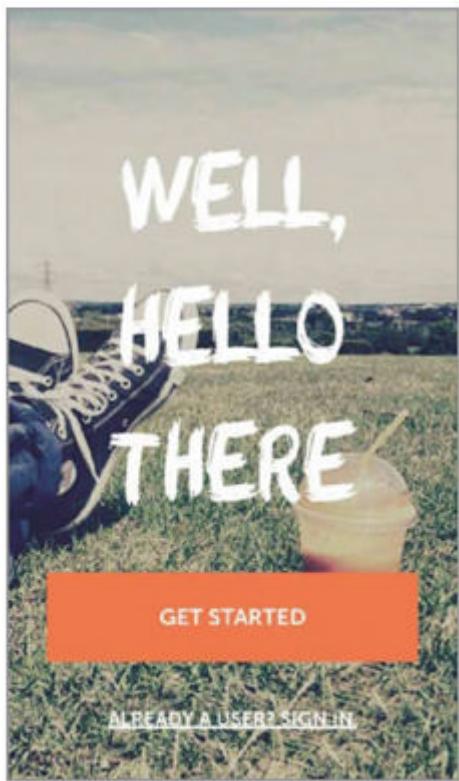
Better Call Saul new episode has aired **ADD**

Sherlock new episode has aired **ADD**

The Big Bang Theory new episode has aired **ADD**

Right Never miss the latest episode of your favourite television shows

DEEME



DeeMe lets you create arty looking messages in seconds

SNAPCHAT FOR SOPHISTICATED SELFIES



You may think the friend-to-friend messaging app space is crowded enough already, but the makers of *DeeMe* don't agree with you. *DeeMe* is based around photos, customised text and icons, almost like a more artisanal *Snapchat* where the pictures don't disappear (they're kept in your inbox for you to enjoy whenever you want).

Creating your picture postcards within the app is fun and easy to do: there are a handful of fonts to choose from, and you can pick from an existing image on your phone, take a new one, or use a blank background. Video messages can be recorded as well, making the *Snapchat* comparison even more apt.

You can find friends through Facebook and by their phone number (though giving up your number is optional) and *DeeMe* is slick and smooth in operation. It's definitely a one-on-one type of app – you can't browse other people's profiles or search through public posts. Everything is kept private and between friends.

The only major question mark over the app is: where does this fit in? Your messages look a lot



Left You can drop it a handful of icons as well as pictures and text

more beautiful than they will do on *Facebook*, *WhatsApp* or *Instagram*, but whether that's enough to make people install another messaging app remains to be seen.

Beautiful-looking private messages made simple... but does it do enough to attract the masses?



● iPhone | iOS 7.0 | Free | v1.0.4
<http://bit.ly/deemeios>

● Android | OS 4.0 | Free | v1.0.18
<http://bit.ly/deemeand>

TAYASUI MEMOPAD

INDULGE YOUR OCCASIONAL DOODLING URGES WITH THIS DIGITAL CANVAS



Tayasui Memopad aims to be "the simplest and fastest drawing notepad possible" according to the official blurb, and to that end it keeps interface elements and settings down to a minimum. Launch the app and you're

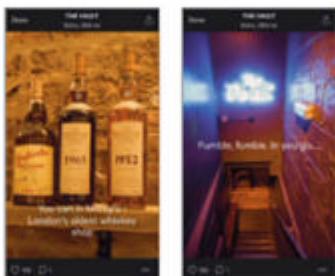
immediately met with a blank canvas to start doodling on, and clearing the page or loading in your previous bit of artwork only takes a swipe or two. Pictures are automatically saved to your Camera Roll as well.

The drawing tools themselves (pen, pencil and paintbrush) are well designed and there are enough options here to create some eye-catching pictures – the ability to load in an existing photo to draw over is a handy feature, and everything feels naturally positioned on screen. The same developer makes the much-loved *Tayasui Sketches* and you can see the same quality here, albeit in a more limited form.

You can pay (£1.99/\$1.99) for extra features: extra colours, extra brush types, better sharing options and more. The basic app is plenty to exercise your creative urges though, and because there's an emphasis on minimalism it's easy to dip in and out of the app. Whether you want to start exploring digital art seriously or you just want to waste five minutes, *Tayasui Memopad* fits the bill nicely. **A simple but impressive doodling app that has all you need to start getting your creative juices flowing.**



● iPhone+ | iOS 8.0 | Freemium | v1.2
<http://bit.ly/tayasuimemoios>



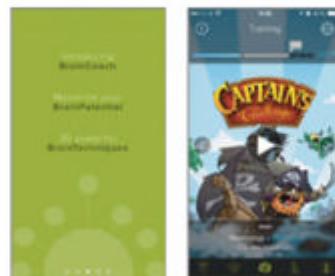
3 KINDS OF ICE

 *3 Kinds of ICE* is designed to help you discover new bars, restaurants and establishments by taking you to each venue within the app. It certainly looks stunning and is informative to use which makes it well worth checking out. You can also interact with friends and share your new discoveries. The only negative mark is that it isn't clear why certain information is needed to register. The developer has clarified this, but the app itself needs to be clearer.

A wonderfully presented app which could help you discover new places.



● iPhone+ | iOS 7.0 | Free | v1.1



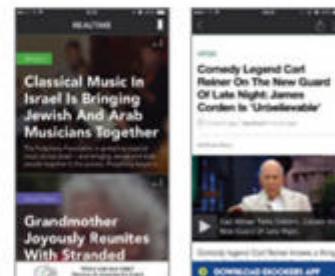
BRAIN+ BRAIN TRAINING

 Rising popularity has led to app stores being inundated with brain-training games. This one, however, takes a different approach by offering exercises, which feel more like games than education puzzles, and a personal training program. The design, variety of levels and encouragement within combine well to create an app which really will benefit you if you persevere.

One of the best brain training games we have seen.



● iPhone+ | iOS 7.0 | Freemium | v2.3.2



HUFFPOST REALTIME

 The streamlined newsfeed approach in *HuffPost Realtime* makes a lot of sense because it should ensure that you catch up on news in real-time. The problem is that this can cause news-overload which ultimately makes the understanding of what is happening difficult. Add to this a slightly inconsistent approach to how the news is displayed and we were left feeling slightly bemused.

A competent news app which needs to offer more to truly stand above the rest.

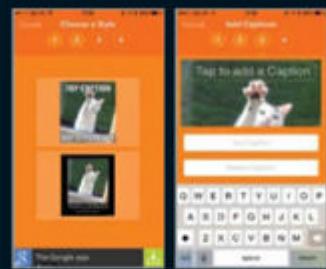


● iPhone+ | iOS 8.2 | Free | v1.1



TOP 05 apps to...

SHARE GIFS AND MEMES



01 MEMATIC

 Memes combine humorous text with photos, and this app lets you create and share them with ease. Select your own photos or choose from a host of animal pics.

★★★★★
● iPhone+ | iOS 7.1 | Freemium | v1.3.3

02 KONG – PLAY WITH YOUR SELFIE

 A lovely new app that lets you speedily make GIFs of yourself to share publicly and privately, adding filters and fonts. It is made by the developers behind the social network app *Path*.

★★★★★
● iPhone+ | iOS 7.0 | Free | v1.3
● Android | OS 4.0.3 | Free | v1.3

03 GIFBOOM

 Record videos, add filters and share your resulting GIFs to Facebook, Tumblr, Twitter and Instagram. *GifBoom* is simple to use and fun and lets you check out other people's GIFs.

★★★★★
● iPhone+ | iOS 6.0 | Free | v6.1.1
● Android | OS 2.2 | Free | v2.6.0.3600

04 MEME FACTORY

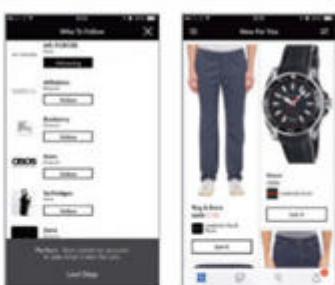
 There are many funny memes to choose from, all created by users and all available for sharing on social media and via email or SMS. You can make your own too.

★★★★★
● iPhone+ | iOS 4.3 | Freemium | v1.2.3

05 GIFSHARE

 *GifShare* lets you search for a host of GIFs, add selected filters, backgrounds, text and share the results to Instagram. You must pay to remove ads and watermarks though.

★★★★★
● iPhone+ | iOS 7.0 | Freemium | v2.4



LYST



Shopping for clothes can be tiresome.

You want to find the right outfit at the right price and to make sure that what you need is in stock, but it doesn't always work out that way. *Lyst* is designed to get around that conundrum by sending alerts when items go on sale and when they are available, and in our tests it worked flawlessly. The content is huge and the variety is good, but of course it may not have everything you like. For most people it will still work very well.

Find the clothes you want and wait for offers and availability to come to you.



● iPad+ | iOS 7.0 | Free | v2.78

RUNTASTIC LEG TRAINER

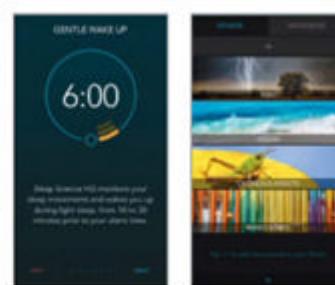
 Keep your lower limbs in shape with this new app from Runtastic. In this free download you can view and follow over 50 videos which are exceptionally well produced. The variety of workouts included is impressive and you can measure your heart rate while exercising. Seriously, there is nothing missing.

Highly professional video exercises to put you in top shape.



● iPhone+ | iOS 7.0 | Freemium | v1.0.1

● Android | OS 4.1 | Freemium | v1.0



SLEEP SCIENCE HQ

 Sleep apps are common, but here we have a version which truly delivers. For a start, you get 750 natural sounds to wake you up with the ability to wake up during your light-sleep moments. The app will also measure your movements at night and lets you create notes of your dreams and changes in sleep pattern. To top all of this off, it works within a beautiful interface.

Is this the ultimate sleep monitor? Yes, it probably is.



● iPhone+ | iOS 7.0 | £1.49/\$1.99 | v1.0.2

MOLESKINE TIMEPAGE

THIS ELEGANT CALENDAR APP OFFERS SMOOTH SCHEDULING

PROS/CONS

- ▲ Well-crafted interface throughout
- ▲ Easy setup and navigation
- ▼ Only one view of your schedule
- ▼ Busy days can be difficult to view



The calendar app is hardly a new category so Moleskine must believe it's got something new for it to take a shot at this crowded field. It sells itself on the elegant minimalism of its interface, its ability to pull in several calendars at once (complete with maps and contacts) and the simple, intuitive way you interact with it. Those are the headline features, but are they compelling enough in practice?

As it turns out, yes they are: interacting with *Moleskine Timepage* is smooth and intuitive in a way that you can't really appreciate in full until you've tried it for yourself. The main view is one long agenda, and moving between days, events, settings, weather forecasts and the app's other sections is very simple and smooth. Even in a category where beautifully designed apps are the norm, this one still manages to stand out: whether there's a lot of data to display or not, the interface never feels cluttered.

Useful information that you don't necessarily get with other apps – like the time to the next meeting or how much of your day is free – is surfaced naturally to the front, and you can easily make changes to existing events with a few swipes: add reminders, set locations, invite people and

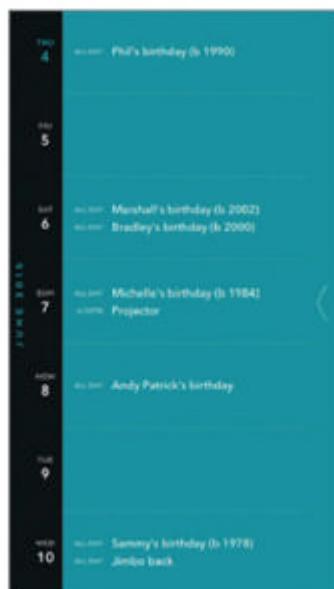
more, all from the same unified interface. Perhaps a month view would be handy (you can view five to ten days at a time) but it's a minor niggle.

Adding calendars from Google, iCloud or Microsoft Exchange is a breeze, and you can select which ones are on show and which ones are hidden. You also get a choice of colours and themes, a companion Apple Watch app and the ability to add events using natural language ("coffee with George at three"). Even the areas in *Moleskine Timepage* that aren't original (like weather forecasting) have a polish and ease of use to them that you don't often find.

A genuinely impressive interface and slick UI make this calendar app worth the expense.



● iPhone+ | iOS 8.0 | £3.99/\$4.99 | v1.01
<http://bit.ly/molekskinetimeios>



Above The front screen offers one view – though you can alter the number of days on show



Above You can get hour-by-hour weather forecasts for any upcoming day



HOW TO...

Create events in Moleskine Timepage with just a few taps



01 Find your day
 Open the day for your new event (if it's empty you'll see an event from history).



02 Pull down
 Pull down from the top of the screen and the new event is created in your calendar.



03 Set your times
 Use the slides to set the event times, or tap on Set All Day for a whole-day event.



04 Describe it
 Explain what the event is – if you mention a place you'll see a list of nearby options.



05 Make changes
 The event page appears, and you can add extra people and reminders as required.

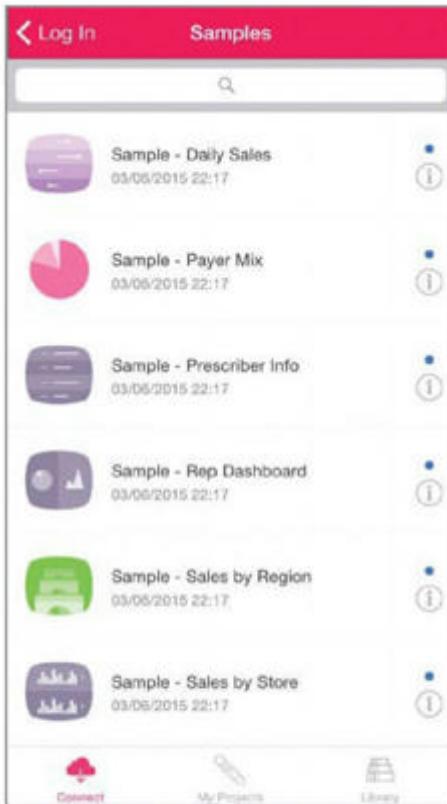
ROAMBI ANALYTICS

DATA CRUNCHING AND ANALYSIS MADE EASY



In a nutshell, *Roambi Analytics* takes huge dumps of data in at one end and pumps out attractive-looking charts, diagrams and summaries at the other. It's probably going to be of most value if you're a seasoned Salesforce or Excel user but that doesn't mean other people can't get something out of it too. If you've got a CSV file or set of standard data that needs breaking down then *Roambi Analytics* makes short work of it.

New in the iOS version (which is currently more polished than the Android equivalent) is the ability to import datasets from other apps using the iOS 8 document picker – if you're one of those people who needs to get serious work done on your iPhone or iPad then this will get your attention. Essentially you're getting an industrial-strength data-crunching and discovery app that fits right inside your smartphone or tablet.



Above Import CSVs from a variety of sources

Even for a relative layperson the app is simple and intuitive to operate and it scores highly for the clarity and style of its screens. Trying to get large datasets to make sense can be difficult but *Roambi Analytics* makes it look easy – whether it will meet your needs depends on exactly what you need it to do.



An impressive, well-designed data analysis app that makes the difficult look simple.

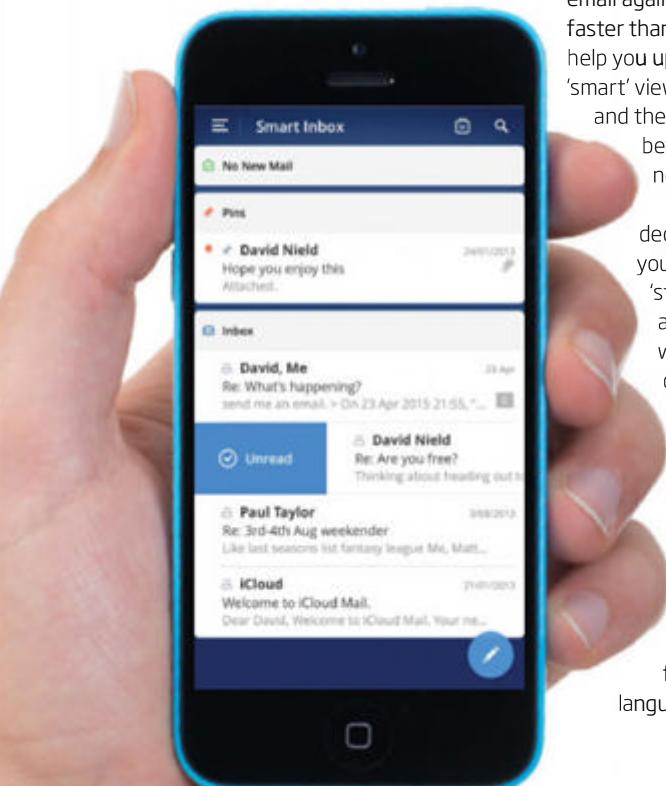


● iPhone+ | iOS 7.0 | Free | v8.0.2
<http://bit.ly/roambianaios>

● Android | OS 4.4 | Free | v1.1.5.58fe8db
<http://bit.ly/roambianaand>

SPARK

THE LATEST APP TO TRY AND TAME YOUR INBOX

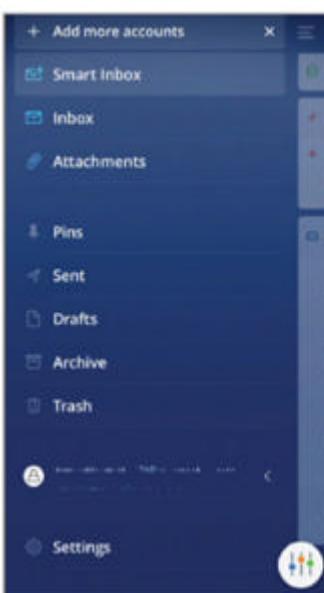


You might have thought the world had run out of room for email apps, but here comes another. *Spark* is designed to help you "like your email again" and power through your inbox faster than all those other apps designed to help you upgrade your inbox. The unified 'smart' view can support several accounts, and the app is able to spot the difference

between a personal email, a notification and a newsletter.

To give *Spark* its due, it does a decent job of organising and prioritising your messages. Emails you've pinned (or 'starred' in common parlance) appear at the top of the inbox together with anything that's unread; you can choose to auto-archive read messages if you don't want them to surface again. The 'quick reply' feature is interesting, letting you fire off a fast smile or thank you with a simple tap.

Swiping to archive, flag or snooze emails is nothing new but *Spark* does offer more customisation options for these features than most. The natural language search works well too: you can



Left *Spark* offers a clever interface and some useful features

simply type 'picture attachments' in the search bar to receive results of any emails that have a picture file attached, for example. With a calendar app, Apple Watch extension and the ability to save emails as PDFs, *Spark* scores highly for bonus features too.

***Spark* is an alternative email app that's actually worth considering as your default choice and replacing those native apps.**



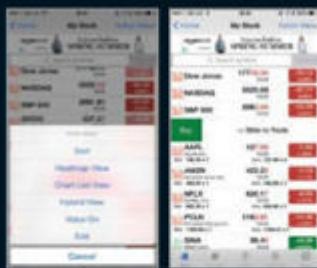
● iPhone+ | iOS 8.0 | Free | v1.0
<http://bit.ly/sparkios>

WORK



TOP 05 apps to...

TRACK STOCKS



01 STOCK TRACKER

The full version will set you back a bit, but it's great if you are serious about your stocks and want real-time streaming quotes.

- iPhone+ | iOS 7.0 | Freemium | v6.1.3
- Android | OS 4.1 | Freemium | v3.3.0

02 STOCK MASTER

A swish app with notifications and Apple Watch support, Stock Master has global coverage and good portfolio management options which enable you to analyse the markets and your personal holdings.

- iPhone+ | iOS 7.0 | Freemium | v3.20

03 YAHOO FINANCE

A lovely free app that delivers personalised alerts that concentrate on your stocks and keeps you abreast of the latest news.

- iPhone+ | iOS 7.0 | Free | v2.3.12
- Android | Varies | Free | Varies

04 TICKER

Supporting Apple Watch and allowing you to manage numerous portfolios, Ticker is inexpensive and it can be used without needing to register account.

- iPhone+ | iOS 7.0 | Freemium | v2.47
- Android | OS 4.0 | Freemium | v1.35a

05 BLOOMBERG BUSINESS

Bloomberg is a respected, reliable provider of stock information and its app has portfolio tracking tools, news and data. Watch your holdings and see vital stats.

- iPhone+ | iOS 7.0 | Free | v3.12
- Android | OS 4.0 | Free | v2.12.527

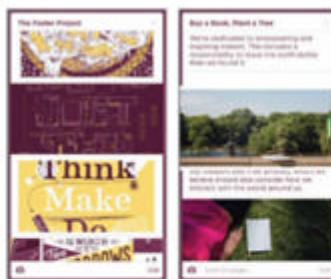


CONFIDENTIAL CC

Confidential CC offers features which will not be needed by everyone, but for those who need secure email it could be the perfect solution. You can confidentially CC someone in an email and they will only be able to read it once before it self-destructs. It will be completely encrypted, but you will obviously need to offer access to your main email account for it to work. This is a very clever emailing solution.

For those who require these unusual email features, the app will be perfect.

- iPhone+ | iOS 8.0 | Free | v2.1.1
- Android | OS 4.0.3 | Free | v1.0.1



MOSAIC.

This app offers one of the most original note-taking interfaces we have seen to date. You can input text or images and then move them around as required within the same note. The visuals are extremely clean and it works exactly as described, but it would be nice to be able to do more with the resultant notes in terms of sharing. The foundations are in place to make this a huge success, and hopefully with continued development it will become very popular.

A brilliant and creative note-taker with limited sharing features at this time.

- iPhone+ | iOS 8.0 | Free | v1.0

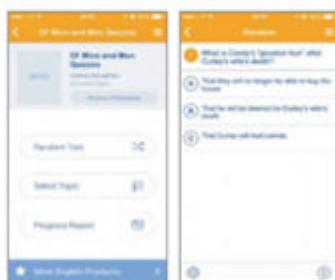


KEEPER PASSWORD MANAGER

There is no doubting the flexibility of the features within **Keeper Password Manager** and it will undertake general password management very well for you. However, the interface is somewhat outdated, and the extra charges it incurs seem high in comparison to some other apps we've used, but if it works for you, it could be extremely useful and will likely offer you a reliable service.

A competent password handler, but there is a lot of competition in this area.

- iPad+ | iOS 7.0 | Freemium | v8.7.1
- Android | OS 3.0 | Freemium | v8.2.7.0



GOJIMO

150,000 quiz questions makes for a very large number and here you have them all categorised into subjects so that you can revise at any time before an important exam. The presentation is excellent and the way it works actually feels like fun at times so it has to be worth a look if the stress is starting to get to you. This could genuinely improve your marks.



Take the stress away from exams with this clever app.

- iPad+ | iOS 7.0 | Freemium | v3.1
- Android | OS 4.0 | Freemium | v1.3



SCRIBL'R

The idea behind **Scriblr** is a good one; open the app, read the example text and start writing in related terms to the displayed word. It sounds too simple to work, but it can help you get around writer's block and potentially write about many more topics than you normally would. The only potential downside is that it is fairly limited in its approach and so will not suit those who are writing at a higher level than the average person. A good first effort though.

A simple idea to inspire writing, but it needs much more variety to succeed.

- iPhone+ | iOS 8.0 | Free | v1.0

ENJOYED THE ISSUE? SUBSCRIBE TODAY TO **Apps** magazine™

Apps Magazine brings you the apps that matter every issue, wading through the sea of the App Store and Google Play to find the gems that you might otherwise miss. Keep up-to-date and make sure you have the hottest apps around every month by subscribing today.



**GREAT DIGITAL SUBSCRIPTION OFFERS AVAILABLE
FOR ANDROID, MAC, PC, iPhone & iPad**

THUMB WARS

CONQUER YOUR FOES IN THESE TOP TACTICAL WAR GAMES

STAR WARS: COMMANDER

 *Star Wars: Commander* might be a blatant cash grab, but it's a damn good one. Rewarding story missions, familiar faces, and surprisingly addictive gameplay are all part of the package, and if you're going to wage war, do it while listening to John Williams' timeless score.

Brimming with quality, this is one of the best *Star Wars* games on the App Store.



● iPad+ | iOS 7.1 | Freemium
● Android | OS 2.3.3 | Freemium



FORGE OF EMPIRES

 Riffing on both *Age of Empires* - as the name suggests - and *Civilisation*, *Forge of Empires* challenges you to conquer the world using diplomacy, technology or ridiculously big guns. A deep experience for more patient gamers, *Age of Empires* is a top-grossing time-sink that's a worthwhile addition to any strategist's war room. One for tech tree junkies, *Forge of Empires* is more complicated, and rewarding, than it looks.

● iPad+ | iOS 7.0 | Freemium
● Android | OS 4.0 | Freemium



CALL OF DUTY: HEROES

 A fresh take on Activision's beloved *Call of Duty* franchise, *Call of Duty: Heroes* is a noble attempt to repurpose the series for mobile. Though the game does shine in the graphics, problems with updates, frustrating bugs and frame rate issues have left it struggling to find its feet. Problems aside, *Call of Duty: Heroes* is still worth a punt if you're a fan of the series.

● iPad+ | iOS 6.0 | Freemium
● Android | OS 2.3.3 | Freemium



WAR OF NATIONS

 Featuring old-school gameplay and questionable semantics - you can't actually 'train' a jeep, you know - *War of Nations* is essentially what *Hearthstone* would look like pumped full of steroids. But *War of Nations* does have some real merits, offering a solid open-world MMO experience that values smart strategy above all else. It might lack mass appeal, but at least *War of Nations* is thinking outside the box.

● iPad+ | iOS 6.0 | Freemium
● Android | OS 3.0 | Freemium



EMPIRES & ALLIES

 Strategy games are ten a penny on the App Store, thanks in no small part to the success of *Clash of Clans*. Rather than fixing what isn't broken, *Empires & Allies* gives the genre a new lick of camouflage paint, combining slick gameplay with high production values to blow the opposition to smithereens. Includes multiplayer battles.

● iPad+ | iOS 7.0 | Freemium
● Android | OS 4.1 | Freemium

 *Empires & Allies* is storming the charts and our hearts.



GEOMETRY WARS 3: DIMENSIONS

THE CONSOLE SMASH-HIT IS ANGLING FOR SUCCESS ON iPAD

PROS/CONS

- ▲ Immersive, unusual graphics and visual backdrop
- ▲ Non-stop action and a pace that doesn't let up
- ▼ Gameplay can be confusing for any newcomers of the series
- ▼ Firing system takes some getting used to



Having arrived on consoles and PCs late last year, *Geometry Wars 3: Dimensions* is now on iOS too. As with previous entries in the series, the emphasis is on... well... geometry – everything from the levels to the spaceships to the weapons are composed of triangles and rectangles and trapezoids. The game as a whole is wrapped in a *Tron*-style neon glow and this isn't a particularly good choice if you tend to get headaches easily.

Once you've worked out the difference between enemy ships and power-ups (pretty handy if you want to progress), zooming around the levels blasting everything in sight is a lot of fun. Some will find the game a bit too repetitive and indiscriminate, but when you master the intricacies of swooping in and out of your angular enemies you'll find you can pull off some impressively daring moves. Weapon bonuses come along regularly enough and the levels change shape and size as you move from one to the next. There are even end bosses to tackle.

"Zooming around the levels blasting everything in sight is a lot of fun"



Below You can choose a game mode or tackle the main story

There are more than 50 levels and 10 different battle modes, but even so we found it does get a little monotonous, especially if you're stuck on one particular level – there's not a lot of time to think and certainly no respite from the action so it suits gamers who like to keep the laser blasts, explosions and waves of enemy ships coming (all doused in bright, glowing colours).

This is obviously an inventive and well-put-together game but it could use some extra depth and the occasional pace change. Still, the earlier game *Geometry Wars: Touch* attracted a loyal following among stick-shooter fans, so it might be right up your street. Just make sure you check out a preview video first to ensure your eyes can handle all those shapes and colours bursting onto the screen at once.

Fast-paced and frenetic space-shooter fun, but a few extra tricks would be welcome.



● iPad+ | iOS 7.0 | £3.99/\$4.99 | v1.0.0
<http://bit.ly/geometrywars3ios>



Above The design and layout of each successive level is different

SHOWCASE

The five game modes of *Geometry Wars 3: Dimensions*



01 Deadline The aim here is to score as many points as you can before the level timer runs down.



02 King You have one life to play around with and can only open fire in designated zones.



03 Evolved Score as many points as possible, this time using three lives rather than a set time.



04 Pacifism War – what is it good for? Instead of blasting away enemies, fly through the targets.



05 Waves Again you have to amass as many points as you can, but this time with just one life.

HALO: SPARTAN STRIKE

CAN HALO SUCCESSFULLY MAKE THE SWITCH TO iOS DEVICES?

PROS/CONS

- ▲ Intricate, eye-catching graphics and effects
- ▲ Smooth gameplay and control system
- ▼ No multiplayer component included
- ▼ Too easy to complete in certain places



Spartan Strike is Microsoft's second attempt to bring the *Halo* experience to touchscreen mobile devices, and the first to launch on iOS at the same time as Windows (the earlier *Spartan Assault* has now belatedly arrived on iOS too). It puts the familiar elements of the *Halo* universe into a top-down, touch-controlled interface that's much more suitable for tablets and smartphones; overall it's a successful transition.

Set during the events of *Halo 2*, your character is tasked with essentially doing a lot of firing and blasting to find a mystery device called the Conduit. Even with the new perspective, the weapons and enemies will be familiar to *Halo* veterans, and it's very much a game made with its heritage in mind. The compact missions last about five minutes each – ideal for a bit of lunchtime or evening gaming – and there's enough variety to keep your interest: fetching an item, defending an area and so on.

Stripped-down the controls may be, but they work well for a tablet or smartphone. Serious gamers will no doubt

“The gradual progression of level difficulty is well judged”

be irked that you can't switch the auto-aim off, but on mobile devices the gameplay has to be accessible – even if it becomes less challenging along the way. The gradual progression of level difficulty is well judged, and thanks to the points-scoring system you'll be tempted to repeat levels to try and improve your ranking.

The visuals and the accompanying sound effects can't be faulted, and with grenades, armour and interactive elements thrown in, the *Halo: Spartan Strike* experience is always engaging. While long-time *Halo* fans will enjoy the nods towards other games in the series you can be a complete newcomer to the franchise and still enjoy yourself. Perhaps not the most original or most difficult game you'll play this year, but *Spartan Strike* ticks a lot of boxes.

Not your typical *Halo* game but nevertheless an impressive addition to the series.



● iPad+ | iOS 8.0 | £4.49/\$5.99 | v1.0
<http://bit.ly/spartanstrikeios>

Below The game has strong links to characters and settings from other *Halo* titles

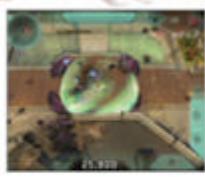


Above You'll face a variety of opponents with a variety of weaponry available



SHOWCASE

Five features that make *Spartan Strike* worth the money



01 **Difficulty**
Shields, boosters and enemy AI mean you won't be dying with frustrating regularity.



02 **Missions**
The missions offer plenty of variety and there are a number of minichallenges too.



03 **Weaponry**
Like the levels, the weapons are varied and give you a choice of ways of proceeding.



04 **Heritage**
If you've played previous *Halo* console games you'll recognise a lot of the backdrops.



05 **Gameplay**
The occasional vehicle rides keeps the gameplay from getting too dull.



DOES NOT COMMUTE

GET THE LATEST REVIEWS FROM THE PEOPLE YOU TRUST



There are plenty of car-based games for your phone but none quite like *Does not Commute*. Guiding a series of cars from one point to another sounds simple enough but the difficulty lies with the inevitable congestion. The first few rounds are easy but it quickly gets a lot trickier as you have to weave your way around cars from previous rounds. You have

to be constantly on your guard as cars, trucks and motorbikes suddenly appear from round a corner. The game is set against the clock and you have just 60 seconds to steer 15 cars to their respective destinations, which is usually just enough. Completing one level starts the next with a big time boost but the setting gets slightly more complex with more hazards, such as bridges and water. The game hasn't

Left Each round starts easily but then gets a lot more packed

Below Hazards such as bridges test your driving skills



exactly got stunning graphics but it doesn't need to as the gameplay doesn't require it, as it is fun, engaging and involving. Each playthrough is different as even minor adjustments to earlier journeys make a big difference later on. Progression is frustratingly stifled as running out of time takes you right back to the beginning, although for a one-off IAP you can return to your last checkpoint.

This game is fun but does come with a frustrating lack of progression if you play it without the use of IAPs.

★★★★★

● iPad+ | iOS 6.0 | Freemium | v1.1.0
<http://bit.ly/doesnotcommuteios>

● Android | OS 2.3 | Freemium | v1.2.0
<http://bit.ly/doesnotcommuteand>

KUNG FURY: STREET RAGE

KUNG FU KICK YOUR WAY BACK TO THE EIGHTIES



Kung Fury is a YouTube film spoofing pretty much everything about movies from the Eighties and has become something of a phenomenon, gaining well over 14 million views in under a fortnight. In the half-hour movie, martial artist cop *Kung Fury* heads back in time to stop Hitler, accompanied by a dinosaur-headed policeman Triceracop, Thor and a couple of Viking warriors mounted on dinosaurs.

Street Rage is the inevitable iOS cash-in but continues the tongue-in-cheek homage to the Eighties by being a classic arcade-style game in

the style of *Street Fighter*. You play as *Kung Fury*, kicking, punching and shooting an endless stream of Nazis and sentient arcade machines, trying to continue a streak of consecutive hits to boost your score. It starts off easily but as the game progresses, it takes more hits to finish off each enemy.

The game itself is very basic, with one button for attacking to the left and one for attacking to the right, but the idea behind it is what makes this game a success.

Many tie-ins are tired, lacklustre affairs, but *Street Rage* keeps the mood of the film alive with a perfect representation of an Eighties arcade game coupled with the deliberate naffness that made the movie so popular.

The game is simple so it doesn't exactly have lasting appeal but *Kung Fury* fans will love it nonetheless.

★★★★★

● iPad+ | iOS 6.0 | Freemium | v1.1

<http://bit.ly/kungfuryios>

● Android | OS 2.0.1 | Freemium | v1.5

<http://bit.ly/kungfuryand>

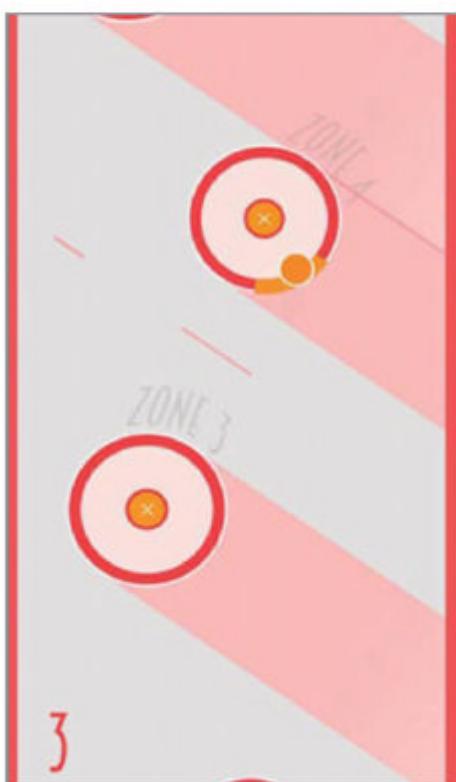


Above The arcade-style reflections are brilliant, yet subtle touches



Above The endless stream of enemies keeps *Kung Fury* on his toes

INTO THE CIRCLE



Above The game's visual style is great and reminds us of mobile games like *Faif*

WHO WOULD HAVE THOUGHT CURLING WAS THIS FUN



Here we have a game where you fling a circle into a larger circle in the hopes that you happen to land into a smaller circle within the big circle. *Into The Circle* is like everyone's favourite Winter Olympic event, curling.

The aim of the game is to keep flinging your circle (to avoid confusion, we're forced to call this a 'disk') into the bigger circles as the game ramps up the difficulty with each successful attempt. An oscillating spindle will determine which direction your disk will fly, just tap the screen to stop the spindle and hold it to build up power before, finally, releasing your shot and hoping that it doesn't fly off into the ether.

Despite the simple controls, *Into The Circle* is surprisingly deep with its mechanics. You can perform trick-shots by bouncing your circle off the boundaries, for example, but we'd discourage you from doing so as it usually ends with you losing the game.

You can pay to keep going should you miss your mark with Stars - you can earn these via hitting the bullseye within target circles or just by coughing up cash. We feel that the game



Left You can chain perfect shots in order to amass huge score bonuses

would actually benefit from having its paid Stars removed, enabling people to progress based on their skill.

Despite its pay-to-win model and frequent advert breaks, *Into The Circle* is a very easy to pick up and difficult to put down game.

Intriguingly deep and intensely addictive, *Into The Circle* is ideal for gaming on the fly.



● iPhone+ | iOS 7.0 | Freemium | v1.0.1

<http://bit.ly/intothecircleios>

EMPIRES & ALLIES

FARMVILLE MEETS COMMAND & CONQUER



Empires & Allies was a popular Facebook game until it closed in 2013, but fans no longer need to mourn for that loss now, as Zynga has relaunched the game onto mobile devices.

The aim of the game is to build a base and attack enemy installations across the world.

"In the strategy sections you switch roles from architect to commander as you attack enemy bases"

Okay, so it's another freemium build-a-thon but Zynga has, thankfully, given us something to stifle our yawns in the form of strategy elements. In the strategy sections of the game you switch roles from architect to commander as you attack enemy bases. Unfortunately, these sections ultimately come off as half-



Above A tutorial educates you in the basics

baked as you can deploy your troops and let them run wild. There were a number of battles where we put our device down to go and put the kettle on, only to be surprised to come back to a 'Victory' emblazoned on our screen. However, if you want something a little more difficult, you can take the fight to fellow human beings. Here, the game enables you to attack player-made bases which are more, shall we say, better constructed.

Granted, *Empires & Allies* offers enough to keep you busy, with multiple ranks for your buildings and experience to grind, it's just unlikely that *Empires & Allies* will hold your attention long enough to see that content, though.

Strategy is second fiddle to base building when it should be the other way round.



● iPhone+ | iOS 7.0 | Freemium | v1.5.884969

<http://bit.ly/empiresalliesios>

● Android | OS 4.1 | Freemium | v1.5.887711

<http://bit.ly/empiresalliesand>



Above Try not to leave one soldier to destroy an entire base on his own



FARMVILLE: HARVEST SWAP

Zynga has taken the *FarmVille* name and used it to good effect in this match-three game. It will look familiar if you have played any of the hugely successful competitors and it is completely addictive. In a crowded market, this game still offers something for those of you who enjoy the genre.

Yet another match-three game to keep you busy at lunchtimes. A very good effort.

★★★★★

● iPad+ | iOS 5.1

| Freemium | v1.0.774

● Android | OS 4.1

| Freemium | v1.0.774



NONE*

It is truly hard to describe *None**, which is a simple game in the extreme. You are presented with obscure questions which you have to answer in order to move on to the next one and progress through the game. Some of the questions are obvious, but others are not so. The questions will have you thinking for ages until the right answer eventually comes to you. The puzzling nature of *None** really does work on so many levels and is great fun.

A game that is so simple should not get you thinking so hard, but it does.

★★★★★

● iPad+ | iOS 6.0 | Free | v1.0.0

● Android | OS 2.1 | Free | v1.0.2



LARA CROFT: RELIC RUN



When you pick up and play *Lara Croft: Relic Run*, you may

feel like you have played it before. It is a traditional running game in how the main character moves and is controlled not unlike the *Temple Run* series of games, but it looks sublime and for whatever reason we found ourselves playing with it for much longer than with other runner-style games. There is a lot to enjoy here once you dig deep in to it.

You may have seen most of this before, but it is one of the best runners yet.

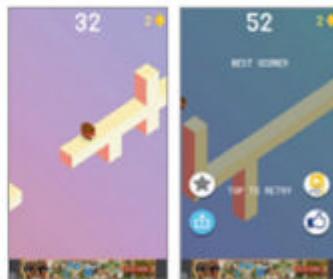
★★★★★

● iPad+ | iOS 7.0

| Freemium | v1.0

● Android | OS 2.3

| Freemium | v1.0.32



THE BRANCH



The graphics are retro and cute, and the gameplay is fast and furious which both work well in a mobile game. However, the adverts can at times be far too intrusive and you cannot pay to remove them. This creates a slightly disjointed experience which is a shame because the premise of having to jump around obstacles is very good and a hell of a lot of fun.

A great platform game which can feel unnecessarily disjointed at times.

★★★★★

● iPad+ | iOS 6.0

| Freemium | v1.0

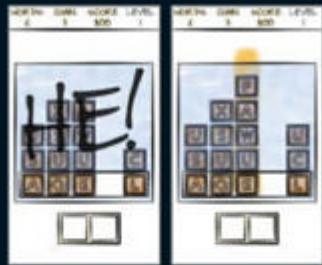
● Android | OS 4.0

| Freemium | v1.01



TOP 05 apps to...

WORD GAMES



01 COOLSON'S POCKET PACK

With lovely visuals and a jolly soundtrack, this app stands out from the crowd and it is crazily addictive to boot. Make short words and prevent the falling tiles from stacking.

★★★★★

● iPhone+ | iOS 7.0 | Free | v1.0.1

02 LETTERCRAFT

Make the longest words you possibly can in this game spanning 70 levels but don't ponder too much - tiles begin to disappear if you don't use them in time.

★★★★★

● iPhone+ | iOS 7.0 | Freemium | v1.1.1

03 SLEEP FURIOUSLY

This inventive game asks players to combine the many words placed on a large grid into odd, yet grammatical sentences. As you do so, you create dreams for the in-game linguist.

★★★★★

● iPhone+ | iOS 5.1.1 | £2.29/\$2.99 | v1.1.2

● Android | OS 2.3 | £2.39/\$2.99 | v1.1.2

04 WORDS WITH FRIENDS

Claimed to be the most popular mobile word game, this app has been around a while but it continues to be updated and is now available on the Apple Watch.

★★★★★

● iPhone+ | iOS 7.0 | Free | v2.9

● Android | OS 2.3 | Free | v7.6.1

05 SPELLTOWER

This lovely game asks you to find words in a lettered grid. When the tiles are used they disappear and the grid drops, making for a changing gaming area.

★★★★★

● iPhone+ | iOS 5.0 | £1.49/\$1.99 | v3.1.3

● Android | OS 2.2 | £1.32/\$1.99 | v1.17



PORTAL PINBALL



Pinball games are like Marmite in that you either love them or hate them, but *Portal Pinball* does offer an experience which should appeal to more people. A lot is happening at any one time and there are moments when it really does feel like a real-life pinballing experience. You will need to spend some time with it so that you can understand everything that is happening.

One of the better pinball games, but it struggles a little on the small screen.

★★★★★

● iPad+ | iOS 6.0

| £1.49/\$1.99 | v1.0

● Android | OS 4.0

| £1.57/\$1.99 | v1.0



MARVEL CONTEST OF CHAMPIONS



We can't fault *Contest of Champions'* graphics or the immersive atmosphere in this combat game, with realistic characters and long-term play stars of Marvel. However, the actual combat system does feel rather repetitive and does not live up to the rest of the experience. It feels as though a lot of work has gone into the aesthetics with the game play left to the last minute.

A visual feast of a game with a combat system that needs a lot more variety.

★★★★★

● iPad+ | iOS 7.0

| Freemium | v3.0.2

● Android | OS 4.0

| Freemium | v3.0.1

41

TUTORIAL

TIP

Auto collage

When you first start using *Photos*, Google will produce a number of collages based on your images. You can then choose to save these creations, or discard them from your library.

ORGANISE YOUR PICTURES WITH GOOGLE PHOTOS

» Sort photos and HD videos, create collages and auto-enhances images with Google's unlimited cloud store

How do you store the photos you take on your Android or iOS device? Do you use a third-party gallery app? Maybe you save them directly to the cloud? No matter what your chosen solution is, Google are looking to usurp them all with the release of their *Photos* app. Not to be mistaken with the previous *Photos* app launch we saw a while back, this version of *Photos* combines the best elements of storing your treasured snaps, with a full editing suite. Dig a little deeper and you'll also be able to find a fantastic creation tool, where users are able to create albums, collages and even animations of their favourite images.

As ever, the app ties in well with many of Google's other apps, so if you're a keen user of *Google Drive* in particular, you'll find seamless integration from transporting and saving your images. You'll be using the *Google Drive* functionality a whole lot more when you start creating albums and animations. Although these look great, they take up a fair amount of internal storage, so moving them to the cloud is highly recommended. But that's not to say iCloud users will be left in the dark, as the *Photos* app can also be put in sync with your iCloud account whenever you need it - as well as some of the leading third-party cloud storage systems out there.

It's all about ease of use with Google, and *Photos* ticks all the right boxes. There are a ton of exciting features to check out within the *Photos* app. You'll want to use the below steps to get hands on with some of the best features that *Photos* has to offer.

» USING THE SEARCH FUNCTION

» How to find a particular photo that you've taken

Sort by places

When you search for a photo, you'll be shown various albums based on specific locations. The photos within will include the same geotags.

Sync with Drive

Select the *Google Drive* option to open your Drive account and manually find any image that's currently stored in the cloud.

Switch to video

As well as images, *Photos* also includes video support. Select the Videos option to perform a search for your videos.

Specific topics

Some photos will also be tagged by specific things, but tend to be fairly generalised; the photos within these albums will have been automatically tagged by Google.

About the app...

PHOTOS

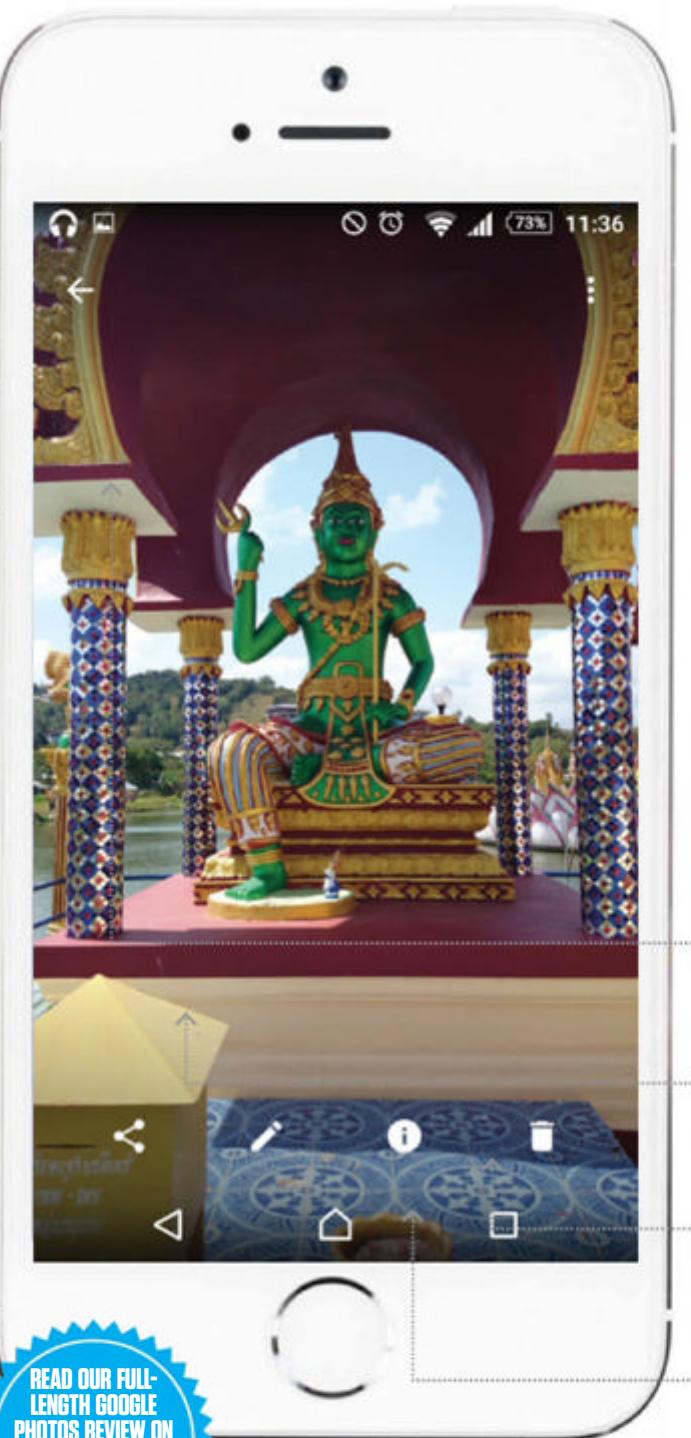
An all-in-one solution for your image storing needs

• iPhone+ | iOS 8.1 | Free | v1.0.1

• Android | OS 4.0 | Free | v1.0.0.9

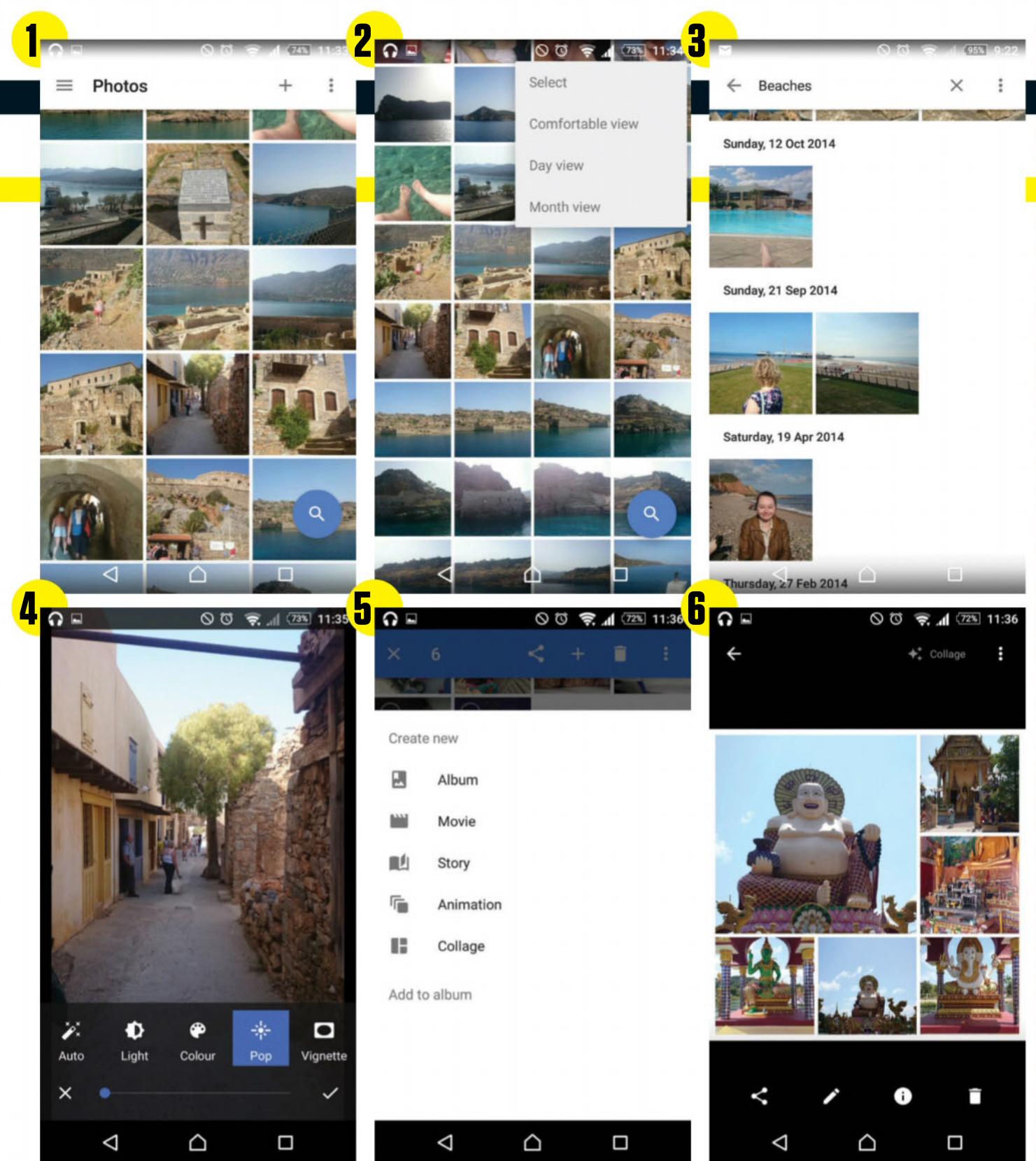


Photos faces some stiff competition on both iOS and Android, but the amount of features it offers is breathtaking. Not only do you have access to a secure place to store your images, but also the ability to create animations, collages and albums without the need of a third-party app. While we felt that the interface can be a bit clunky, and storage is restricted to images that are below 16 megapixels (anything higher is compressed), Google has provided one of the best photo-storage solutions that we've seen - best of all, it's completely free. In need of a new photo storage app? Get this now. It's bundled with impressive features.



READ OUR FULL-LENGTH GOOGLE PHOTOS REVIEW ON PAGE 27

“If you're a keen user of Google Drive in particular, you'll find seamless integration from transporting and saving your images”



▶ PHOTOS > Explore the Photos app

1 GET AN OVERVIEW

By default, the *Photos* app will open up to a panel-styled menu, where your photos will be sectioned off by the month they're taken. Images without a date are stored at the bottom.

4 START EDITING

Once you've chosen an image, press the pencil icon to open the Edits page. From here you'll be able to auto-adjust the image, add filters, tweak the colour levels and even fix blurry sections of your chosen photo.

2 SWITCH VIEWS

Press on the menu icon to choose from various other views. We recommend the 'Day view' option as it makes it far easier to take a closer look at your images, without opening them.

5 WHAT TO CREATE?

Go back to the album view and select multiple images by selecting one and quickly swiping your finger over them, before pressing the + icon. You can now choose to put these images into a collage, animation or specified album.

3 PERFORM A SEARCH

Use the magnifying glass at the bottom right of the app to start a search. You can use this feature to search for keywords that are attached to an image, or by the location they were taken in.

6 THE FINISHED PRODUCT

You'll now be able to see the finished product on your screen display. Users can then choose to save this directly onto their *Photos* timeline, share it with their contacts or simply upload it to the cloud if they wish.

THE TOP 200 GREATEST APPS EVER



WHY WE LOVE... BOATIE

Boatie remains an invaluable source for all those who partake in regular boating excursions. The app is set up to provide live information on the ports and oceans around the UK coastline, enabling users to make sure they're safe to travel and won't face disruptions. A must-have app for all boating fanatics.

- iPhone+ | iOS 7.0 | £4.99/\$6.99 | v4.1.0
- Android | OS 2.2 | £4.99/\$6.99 | v1.22



WHY WE LOVE... ARTICLES

Wikipedia is one of the most visited websites in the world, but the accompanying app is a little bit clunky. *Articles* is a stunning Wikipedia reader that enables users to search and read about anything that's stored within Wikipedia. What makes the app so interesting and different from other reading apps is the level of gestures available to use within it. For example, you can shake your device to find a random Wikipedia entry, or even tap and hold images to download.

- iPhone+ | iOS 6.1 | Free | v2.6.1

WHAT'S YOUR FAVOURITE APP? GET IN TOUCH...

WEET US WITH YOUR FAVOURITE APPS
@Knowyourapps

OR RECOMMEND THEM ON FACEBOOK
/AppsMagazine

SEND US AN EMAIL TODAY WITH YOUR FAVOURITE APPS
apps@imagine-publishing.co.uk

THE TOP

200

GREATEST APPS EVER

WHY WE LOVE... BOATIE

Boatie remains an invaluable source for all those who partake in regular boating excursions. The app is set up to provide live information on the ports and oceans around the UK coastline, enabling users to make sure they're safe to travel and won't face disruptions. A must-have app for all boating fanatics.

- iPhone+ | iOS 7.0 | £4.99/\$6.99 | v4.1.0
- Android | OS 2.2 | £4.99/\$6.99 | v1.22

WHY WE LOVE... ARTICLES

Wikipedia is one of the most visited websites in the world, but the accompanying app is a little bit clunky. *Articles* is a stunning Wikipedia reader that enables users to search and read about anything that's stored within Wikipedia. What makes the app so interesting and different from other reading apps is the level of gestures available to use within it. For example, you can shake your device to find a random Wikipedia entry, or even tap and hold images to download.

- iPhone+ | iOS 6.1 | Free | v2.6.1

BOOKS	BUSINESS	EDUCATION	ENTERTAINMENT
<p>iPhone/ iPad/ Android KOBO READING APP For functionality and design we would take <i>Kobo</i> every time. Free books and cool reading stats. • iOS 7.0 Free • Varies Free</p> <p>iPhone/ iPad iBOOKS Apple's own native bookstore comes with iCloud features, as well as the ability to change reading settings to suit you. • iOS 7.0 Free</p> <p>iPhone/ iPad/ Android GOODREADS A great app for book recommendations, <i>Goodreads</i> also has wishlists and social links. • iOS 7.0 Free • OS 1.6 Free</p> <p>iPhone/ iPad CHOPSTICKS NOVEL In this novel experience you are given bits of people's lives as you weave the story together in your own mind. • iOS 6.0 £4.99/\$6.99</p> <p>iPad THE FANTASTIC FLYING BOOKS OF MR. MORRIS LESSMORE Breathtaking visuals and a heartwarming story. Essential. • iOS 5.1 £3.99/\$4.99</p> <p>iPad THE WASTE LAND Discover TS Eliot's epic and revolutionary poem, view interactive notes and watch related videos. • iOS 5.0 £10.49/\$13.99</p> <p>iPhone/ iPad POE 2 Interactive illustrations and music bring the macabre magic of Edgar Allan Poe's haunting poetry to life. • iOS 5.1 £3.99/\$4.99</p> <p>iPhone/ iPad/ Android COMICS A convenient portal to read over 12,000 comics, and over 500 of them are absolutely free. • iOS 6.0 Free • OS 2.2 Free</p> <p>iPhone/ iPad/ Android FRANKENSTEIN The classic horror story is brought back to life in this interactive adaptation. • iOS 4.3 £2.99/\$4.99 • OS 4.0 £3.99/\$4.99</p> <p>iPhone/ iPad/ Android AUDIOBOOKS FROM AUDIBLE Part of the Amazon family, so you have plenty of choice. • iOS 7.0 Free • Varies Free</p>	<p>iPhone/ Android CAMCARD Scan business cards for easy storage and import contact details direct to your address book. • iOS 7.0 £0.79/\$0.99 • Varies £0.60/\$0.99</p> <p>iPhone/ iPad/ Android 1PASSWORD Store your passwords for your favourite website and more with this secure app. • iOS 8.0 Freemium • OS 4.1 Freemium</p> <p>iPhone/ iPad/ Android LOGMEIN Remotely access your desktop from your mobile so you can take your business on the go. • iOS 6.0 Freemium • OS 2.3 Freemium</p> <p>iPhone/ iPad SAYHI TRANSLATE Speak into this app and have your words translated into 40 languages, either spoken back to you or sent as a message. • iOS 6.1 £3.99/\$4.99</p> <p>iPhone/ iPad RESUME EXPRESS Create a stunning CV with this step-by-step app that creates a polished final product that can be easily exported. • iOS 6.0 £1.49/\$1.99</p> <p>iPad MEETING MINUTES Schedule meetings, plan seating, save notes and record your minutes all in this one, very comprehensive app. • iOS 6.0 £3.99/\$4.99</p> <p>iPhone/ iPad HENRI LE WORM Top chef Raymond Blanc and actor Simon Pegg teach children about cooking. • iOS 6.0 £1.49/\$1.99 • OS 4.0 £1.29/\$2.12</p> <p>iPhone/ iPad DUOLINGO Learn a new language for free, from grammar basics to translating entire websites. • iOS 7.0 Free • Varies Free</p> <p>iPhone/ iPad DRAGON DICTATION This app instantly translates the spoken word into text. Send yourself notes and reminders. • iOS 4.0 Free • OS 2.2 Free</p> <p>iPhone/ iPad NASA VISUALIZATION EXPLORER Everything NASA in one place, including news on missions and stunning imagery. • iOS 5.1 Free</p>	<p>iPad THE ELEMENTS: A VISUAL EXPLORATION View rotatable 3D images of every element in the periodic table. • iOS 7.0 £10.49/\$13.99</p> <p>iPhone/ iPad/ Android STAR WALK This AR app helps you explore the stars, planets and constellations in the night sky. • iOS 6.0 £2.29/\$2.99 • OS 4.0 £1.79/\$2.99</p> <p>iPad KHAN ACADEMY A library of over 3,000 videos enables users to learn pretty much anything they want, no matter their interests. • iOS 7.0 Free</p> <p>iPhone/ iPad ITUNES U One of the most powerful educational tools around, with full university courses available direct on your device. • iOS 7.0 Free</p> <p>iPhone/ iPad/ Android TED Regular programming with remarkable speakers and lectures for free via this learning app. • iOS 8.0 Free • OS 4.0 Free</p> <p>iPad DK THE HUMAN BODY APP Takes you on a journey deep into the human body, with video content and annotated graphics. A fine iPad app. • iOS 4.0 £4.99/\$6.99</p> <p>iPhone/ iPad/ Android HAUNTING MELISSA A horror movie for the mobile era, the producer of <i>The Ring</i> directs this experimental but highly gripping ghost story. • iOS 7.1 Freemium</p> <p>iPhone/ iPad ACTION MOVIE FX Give your home videos some truly epic Hollywood effects with this brilliant free app for your iOS device. • iOS 5.0 Freemium</p> <p>iPhone/ iPad/ Android VLC STREAMER The streaming service lets you share media from your desktop to your device. • iOS 6.0 £1.49/\$1.99 • OS 4.0 £1.35/\$1.99</p> <p>iPhone/ iPad MORFO 3D FACE BOOTH Make talking 3D masks of absolutely anyone with this clever, customisable app. Then share the results via email. • iOS 4.3 £0.79/\$0.99</p>	

FINANCE	FOOD & DRINK	GAMES	HEALTH	LIFESTYLE	MEDICAL
iPhone/ iPad POCKETMONEY  The price you pay for this app is fully justified, thanks to its superior functionality and the useful tips it divulges. ● iOS 1.6 £1.10/\$4.99	iPhone/ iPad/ Android JAMIE'S 20 MINUTE MEALS  Step-by-step photo recipes, plus extra kitchen tips such as how to sharpen knives. ● iOS 3.1.2 £4.99/\$6.99 ● OS 2.0 £1.99/\$7.69	iPhone/ iPad/ Android HEARTHSTONE  Cast spells in this online card game from the makers of <i>World Of Warcraft</i> . ● iOS 5.1 Freemium ● OS 4.0 Freemium	iPhone/ Android ENDOMONDO  Endomondo is the most social fitness experience around and covers a wide range of sports. ● iOS 7.0 Freemium ● Varies Freemium	iPhone/ iPad SNAPGUIDE  This community-driven guidebook is a wonderful resource. Browse its many topics and get all sorts of handy tips. ● iOS 7.0 Free	iPhone/ iPad/ Android VISUAL ANATOMY  View rotatable 3D images from Gray's Anatomy of selected organs or regions of the body. ● iOS 6.0 £2.29/\$2.99 ● OS 2.0 £1.60/\$2.69
iPhone/ Android PAYPAL  Check your current balance, view your account and send money via 16 currencies. ● iOS 7.1 Free ● OS 24.0 Free	iPhone/ iPad/ Android OPENTABLE UK  Find and book a restaurant table in a few taps, whether last minute or planned. ● iOS 7.0 Free ● OS 2.3.3 Free	iPhone/ iPad/ Android ASPHALT 8: AIRBORNE  Perform high-octane aerial stunts to get the edge on other racers in this arcade game. ● iOS 6.1.6 Freemium ● Varies Freemium	iPhone/ Android ZOMBIES, RUN!  Run to stay alive in a world infested with zombies in this immersive AR workout. ● iOS 7.0 £2.99/\$3.99 ● OS 4.0 £2.99/\$3.99	iPhone/ iPad DAY ONE JOURNAL  Record your life with this magazine-like app for your memories, ideas and photos. Share online or keep private. ● iOS 8.0 £3.99/\$4.99	iPhone/ iPad VISION TEST  This app tests your vision through a series of exams, and includes an optician finder. ● iOS 6.0 Free ● OS 2.2 Free
iPhone/ iPad/ Android MONEYWIZ  One of the best finance managers around, with easy-to-use functions. ● iOS 7.0 £3.99/\$4.99 ● OS 2.3.3 £1.55/\$1.99	iPhone OTTOLENGHI  An absolute must for all foodies, this app features mouth-watering full-screen photos and some clever features. ● iOS 5.0 £2.99/\$4.99	iPhone/ iPad/ Android MONUMENT VALLEY  Guide your character through a mind-bending world of impossible architecture. ● iOS 6.0 £2.99/\$3.99 ● OS 2.3.3 £2.49/\$3.99	iPhone/ iPad CARDIOGRAPH  Simply hold your thumb over your device's camera lens to monitor and track your heart rate. ● iOS 7.0 £1.49/\$1.99	iPhone/ iPad START BY TACK  Minimalist alarm clock and stopwatch that launches set apps when you wake. ● iOS 5.0 £3.99/\$5.99 ● OS 3.0 £0.65/\$0.99	iPhone/ iPad/ Android SKELETON SYSTEM PRO III  This dissection of the human skeleton goes into incredible detail with plenty of room for adding your own notes. ● iOS 7.0 £7.99/\$9.99
iPhone/ Android BLOOMBERG BUSINESS  Bloomberg is a must for city traders and anyone who is interested in the stock market. ● iOS 7.0 Free ● OS 2.2 Free	iPhone/ iPad HOW TO COOK EVERYTHING ESSENTIALS  The app that's perfect for any level of experience, from oven wizards to toast burners. ● iOS 6.1 Freemium	iPhone/ iPad/ Android ANOMALY 2  Protect your convoy of troops and attack alien invaders in this top-down strategy game. ● iOS 5.0 £3.99/\$4.99 ● OS 2.3 £3.39/\$4.99	iPhone/ iPad/ Android CALORIE COUNTER  Your ultimate calorie guide with a massive database as well as exercises and social links. ● iOS 7.0 Free ● Varies Free	iPhone/ iPad/ Android FANCY  Searching and sharing items on Fancy is all about becoming a curator of cool. ● iOS 7.0 Free ● OS 2.3.3 Free	iPhone/ iPad/ Android PREGNANCY+  Monitor your baby's development week by week and log doctor's appointments. ● iOS 7.0 Freemium ● OS 3.0 Freemium
iPhone/ iPad DEBT MANAGER  Offers a clean, simple interface so you can visualise your debt, organise your incomes and outgoings, and pay it off. ● iOS 4.0 £0.79/\$0.99	iPhone/ iPad THE PHOTO COOKBOOK - QUICK & EASY  With images of every ingredient and steps to each recipe, it couldn't be easier to follow. ● iOS 5.0 £2.99/\$3.99	iPhone/ iPad/ Android HITMAN GO  Eliminate your enemies as Agent 47 in this puzzle gem from the creators of <i>Hitman</i> . ● iOS 6.0 £3.99/\$4.99 ● OS 2.3.3 £2.99/\$4.99	iPhone/ iPad/ Android NIKE+ RUNNING  This app requires a pair of Nike shoes that have an insert for the Nike+ sensor. ● iOS 7.0 Free ● OS 2.3.3 Free	iPhone/ iPad/ Android AROUNDFME  This is a handy app to use in an unfamiliar place when you need to find local amenities. ● iOS 5.1.1 Free ● OS 2.3 Free	iPhone/ iPad SNORELAB  Worried about how much you snore? Find out how loud you sound with this app, then get tips on how to reduce it. ● iOS 7.0 £3.99/\$4.99
iPhone/ iPad ISSPREADSHEET  Compatible with Excel, Google Docs and Open Office - manage all of your finances on the go with this app. ● iOS 6.0 £2.29/\$2.99	iPhone/ Android FOODSPOTTING  An essential destination for when you want something different and great to eat. ● iOS 7.0 Free ● Varies Free	iPhone/ iPad/ Android PAPRIKA RECIPE MANAGER  File away your favourite web recipes in this dedicated cooking database. ● iOS 7.0 £3.99/\$4.99 ● OS 4.0 £3.17/\$4.99	iPhone/ iPad/ Android BOSON X  A mix of fast-paced fun and subatomic style makes this endless runner very addictive. ● iOS 4.3 £2.29/\$2.99 ● OS 2.3.3 £1.92/\$2.99	iPhone/ iPad/ Android YOU ARE YOUR OWN GYM  Military-grade workout app that requires no fitness equipment bar your device. ● iOS 5.0 £2.29/\$2.99 ● OS 2.2 £1.99/\$2.99	iPhone/ iPad ICONICAL  Create your own bespoke icons for your apps either by painting a design in-app or by uploading an image. ● iOS 7.0 £1.49/\$1.99
iPad/ Android BILLS  Track your incomings and outgoings by filtering paid, planned and overdue payments. ● iOS 5.0 £0.79/\$0.99 ● OS 1.6 £1.33/\$1.99	iPhone/ iPad/ Android PAPRIKA RECIPE MANAGER  File away your favourite web recipes in this dedicated cooking database. ● iOS 7.0 £3.99/\$4.99 ● OS 4.0 £3.17/\$4.99	iPhone/ iPad/ Android GRAND THEFT AUTO: SAN ANDREAS  Control the criminal underworld in this epic mobile version. ● iOS 6.0 £4.99/\$6.99 ● OS 3.0 £4.99/\$6.99	iPhone/ iPad/ Android 7 MINUTE WORKOUT CHALLENGE  A fast-paced workout with exercises, videos and tracker. ● iOS 7.0 £2.29/\$2.99 ● OS 2.3.3 £1.29/\$1.94	iPhone/ iPad/ Android eBAY FOR iPAD  This app is not only great to keep up with your shopping, but also a wonderful place to browse for bargains. ● iOS 7.0 Free	iPhone/ iPad PROGNOSIS: YOUR DIAGNOSIS  Uses case studies for better diagnosis in patients by doctors. ● iOS 6.0 Free ● OS 2.3.3 Free
iPhone/ iPad/ Android SPENDING TRACKER  Monitor your spending and save money thanks to the charts, graphs and stats in this app. ● iOS 7.0 Freemium ● Varies Freemium	iPhone/ iPad GREEN KITCHEN – HEALTHY VEGETARIAN RECIPES  A stylish interface and inspiring recipes prove healthy eating doesn't need to be bland. ● iOS 7.1 £3.99/\$4.99	iPhone/ iPad/ Android FM HANDHELD 2015  Master tactics to climb up the leagues and sign players to make the best team. ● iOS 5.0 £7.99/\$8.99 ● OS 2.3.3 £6.99/\$9.99	iPhone/ iPad/ Android MOVES  Moves automatically tracks your everyday exercise to motivate you to do more and set goals. ● iOS 7.0 Free ● OS 4.0 Free	iPhone/ iPad MARTHA STEWART CRAFTSTUDIO  Create decorative cards in-app with hints and tips provided by Martha herself. ● iOS 7.0 Freemium	iPhone/ iPad BREATHING ZONE  Reduce stress and see your breathing patterns displayed in colourful graphics. ● iOS 5.1 £2.99/\$3.99 ● OS 2.2 £1.99/\$3.99
iPhone/ iPad/ Android BARCLAYS PINGIT  Send money between accounts, using just a mobile number, from your device. ● iOS 6.0 Free ● OS 2.3 Free	iPhone/ iPad/ Android EPICURIOUS RECIPES & SHOPPING LIST  An essential app for culinary masters and budding chefs alike. ● iOS 7.0 Free ● OS 2.3 Free	iPhone/ iPad/ Android MINECRAFT – POCKET EDITION  Create your own personal Minecraft world, block by block. ● iOS 5.1.1 £4.99/\$6.99 ● Varies £4.99/\$6.99	iPhone/ iPad/ Android RUNTASTIC PUSH-UPS PRO  Plan your workout in this stylish app and receive motivation from the voice coach. ● iOS 7.0 £1.99/\$1.99 ● Varies £1.99/\$1.99	iPhone/ iPad/ Android WEDDING PLANNER FOR iPAD  Plan everything, from your big day's budget to the colour scheme and the seating plan with this detailed wedding app. ● iOS 7.0 £7.99/\$9.99	iPhone/ iPad HEART PRO III  Lifelike depictions of the heart and circulatory system that can be rotated 360° to appreciate its complexity. ● iOS 7.0 £7.99/\$9.99
iPhone/ iPad MORTGAGE MENTOR  Compare mortgages side-by-side, work out what the true price would be and manage all of your payments. ● iOS 4.0 £1.49/\$1.99	iPad COOK  Create your own recipe book, complete with customisable colours and fonts, then share it with your friends online. ● iOS 7.0 Free	iPhone/ iPad/ Android REPUBLICHE  Escape from a prison in this stealth-action adventure. Solve puzzles to earn your freedom. ● iOS 7.0 £3.99/\$4.99 ● OS 4.0 £3.21/\$4.99	iPhone/ iPad/ Android HEALTHTAP  Post your concern and a qualified doctor will respond with a diagnosis fairly swiftly. ● iOS 7.0 Free ● OS 4.0 Free	iPhone/ iPad IA WRITER  Aspiring novelist? This is the perfect space to express yourself in a clean, distraction-free environment. ● iOS 7.1 £3.99/\$4.99	iPhone/ iPad FAMILY ILLNESS AND SHOT TRACKER  Keep a digital diary of your family's shots, vaccinations, medicines, illnesses and more. ● iOS 3.1.3 £1.49/\$1.99

THE TOP 200 GREATEST APPS EVER

WHAT'S HOT?

WAZE SOCIAL GPS



Receive step-by-step directions for travelling anywhere.

● iOS 6.0 | Free

● Varies | Free

DOWNCAST



Curate your own personalised podcast stream in a matter of minutes.

● iOS 7.1 | £2.29/\$2.99

Flickr



Upload and manage your entire photo library on Flickr's servers.

● iOS 8.0 | Free

● Varies | Free

IF BY IFTTT



Automate how your smartphone works with your installed apps.

● iOS 7.0 | Free

● OS 4.0.3 | Free

HILL LISTS



The ultimate accompaniment for budding trekkers.

● iOS 6.0 | £1.49/\$1.99

WHAT'S YOUR FAVOURITE APP? GET IN TOUCH...

TWEET US WITH YOUR FAVOURITE APPS

@Knowyourapps

OR RECOMMEND THEM ON FACEBOOK

/AppsMagazine

SEND US AN EMAIL TODAY WITH YOUR FAVOURITE APPS

apps@imagine-publishing.co.uk

MUSIC

iPhone/ iPad GARAGEBAND



Use simple gestures to play piano, organ, guitar and drums. Upload tracks to YouTube, SoundCloud and more.

● iOS 8.0 | £3.99/\$4.99

iPhone/ iPad FIGURE



Make music in minutes with this easy-to-use interface. Export results to iTunes Audio Sharing.

● iOS 7.0 | £0.79/\$0.99

iPad/ Android DJAY 2



Take tracks from your library and start mixing them together on this brilliant turntable app.

● iOS 7.0 | £6.99/\$7.99

● OS 4.1 | £2.99/\$4.99

iPad THE ORCHESTRA



Explore three centuries of classical music with this interactive mix of music as well as video content.

● iOS 7.0 | £10.49/\$13.99

iPhone/ iPad/ Android SPOTIFY MUSIC



Build customised playlists from millions of tracks and share them with the world.

● iOS 7.0 | Free

● Varies | Free

iPhone/ iPad/ Android SOUNDHOUND



Hum a tune or sing a lyric and SoundHound will give you the full name of the song and artist.

● iOS 7.0 | Freemium

● Varies | Freemium

iPhone/ Android SOUNDWAVE



Discover new music with this running feed of what everyone is listening to.

● iOS 7.0 | Free

● OS 2.3 | Free

iPhone/ Android SHAZAM



An extraordinary app, Shazam can identify songs by listening to them for a few seconds.

● iOS 7.0 | Freemium

● Varies | Freemium

iPhone/ iPad/ Android TIDAL



Enjoy high definition music streaming and playlists chosen by music industry experts.

● iOS 7.0 | Free

● OS 4.1 | Free

iPad AWEDITORIUM



Quite literally a wall of sound for users to interact with, as each 'brick' hosts an artist, their music and cool photos.

● iOS 7.0 | Free

NAVIGATION

iPhone/ iPad/ Android GOOGLE MAPS



Back on iOS and still the undisputed king of the mapping world. This app is all you need.

● iOS 7.0 | Free

● Varies | Free

iPhone/ Android PLANE FINDER



View near real-time air traffic maps that let you track the paths of aircraft above you.

● iOS 7.0 | £2.99/\$3.99

● OS 2.2 | £2.99/\$2.99

iPhone/ Android GEOCACHING



Join the world's biggest treasure hunt by becoming a Geocacher. It's great fun.

● iOS 7.0 | £7.99/\$9.99

● Varies | £6.99/\$9.99

iPhone HOPSTOP TRANSIT DIRECTIONS



Get real-time subway, bus, train, taxi, walking and biking directions in an instant.

● iOS 6.0 | Freemium

iPhone MAPS 3D PRO – GPS TRACKS FOR BIKE, HIKE, SKI & OUTDOOR



Ideal for the mountains: view 3D maps and plan your route.

● iOS 7.0 | £3.99/\$4.99

iPhone/ iPad/ Android WAZE SOCIAL GPS, MAPS & TRAFFIC



Get instant travel updates from other users on the road.

● iOS 6.0 | Free

● Varies | Free

iPhone/ iPad SPYGLASS



Augmented reality navigator and compass that lets you track your location and work out bearings in real-time.

● iOS 6.1 | £2.99/\$3.99

iPhone/ iPad HILL LISTS



Provides geographical details for highland, hilltop and mountain walks across the UK and Republic of Ireland.

● iOS 6.0 | £1.49/\$1.99

iPhone KAMINO



Explore your city with these user-generated walking tours with turn-by-turn directions or share your own with others.

● iOS 7.0 | Free

● OS 4.1 | Free

iPhone/ iPad/ Android VIEWRANGER OUTDOOR GPS & MAPS



Get off the beaten track with this map app, ideal for planning hikes.

● iOS 5.1 | Freemium

● Varies | Freemium

NEWS

iPhone/ iPad/ Android FLIPBOARD



It's not only one of the best news apps around, it's also great fun to use on your device.

● iOS 7.0 | Free

● Varies | Free

iPhone/ iPad/ Android BBC NEWS



This app lets you watch live news feeds over Wi-Fi, so you can always stay informed.

● iOS 7.0 | Free

● Varies | Free

iPhone/ iPad/ Android POCKET CASTS



Stay up-to-date with all the latest podcasts with one easy-to-use cross-platform download.

● iOS 8.0 | £2.99/\$3.99

● OS 4.1 | £2.49/\$3.99

iPhone/ iPad/ Android POCKET



Pocket lets you save any article, image or video you find online for you to view it later.

● iOS 7.0 | Free

● Varies | Free

iPhone/ iPad DOWNCAST



Download and listen to your favourite podcasts directly from your iPhone or iPad without the need to sync with iTunes.

● iOS 7.1 | £2.29/\$2.99

iPhone/ iPad/ Android LINKEDIN PULSE



With a focus on business news, tailor this reader to follow all of your favourite RSS feeds.

● iOS 8.0 | Free

● Varies | Free

iPhone/ iPad/ Android INSTAPAPER



Save feature articles and blog posts for later offline reading in this paper-like reader.

● iOS 8.0 | Freemium

● Varies | Freemium

iPhone SKY NEWS FOR IPAD



Watch live streams from the TV station in the palm of your hands. Feature-rich, brimming with content and totally free.

● iOS 6.0 | Freemium

● Varies | Free

iPhone/ Android YAHOO NEWS DIGEST



Get twice-daily summaries of the top news stories, complete with infographics.

● iOS 7.0 | Free

● OS 4.0 | Free

iPhone/ iPad PEEKSTER



Scan articles in select newspapers to create a digital version on your iPhone, which you can save for later or share online.

● iOS 7.0 | Freemium

● Varies | Free

PHOTO & VIDEO

iPhone/ iPad/ Android YOUTUBE



Stream videos from the popular website, now with voice search and picture to picture.

● iOS 6.0 | Free

● Varies | Free

iPhone/ iPad/ Android ADOBE PHOTOSHOP TOUCH



Edit images on the go with a range of touch-control tools using this essential software.

● iOS 8.0 | £3.99/\$4.99

● OS 4.0 | £2.99/\$9.99

iPhone/ Android INSTAGRAM



With a wide range of cool filters and a great community you can create amazing photos.

● iOS 7.0 | Free

● Varies | Free

iPhone/ iPad HALFTONE 2



Create a comic book starring your friends and family by applying speech bubbles and borders to images.

● iOS 7.0 | £1.49/\$1.99

iPhone/ iPad/ Android CAMERA ZOOM FX



Take up to ten shots per second with this high-speed snapper, then apply filters to photos.

● iOS 7.0 | £2.99/\$3.99

● OS 1.6 | £1.79/\$2.99

iPhone/ iPad/ Android SNAPSEED



This app has quite simply become the go-to image editing app across all devices.

● iOS 8.0 | Free

● OS 4.1 | Free

iPhone/ iPad/ Android MTEXTURES



Create and combine your own filters and textures for truly individual Instagram photos.

● iOS 7.0 | £1.49/\$1.99

iPhone/ iPad/ Android FLICKR



Offering 1TB of online storage, this app is great for showcasing your best photos.

● iOS 8.0 | Free

● Varies | Free

iPhone/ iPad/ Android SEENE



Capture 3D photos and share them online or embed them on your website.

● iOS 7.0 | Free

● OS 4.1 | Free

PRODUCTIVITY	REFERENCE	SOCIAL	SPORTS	TRAVEL	WEATHER
iPhone/ iPad/ Android EVERNOTE  Create a note on your device and save it to the cloud, where it can be picked up and edited. ● iOS 7.0 Freemium ● Varies Freemium	iPhone/ iPad BRIAN COX'S WONDERS OF THE UNIVERSE  With wonderful images, animations and video content, it's a must-have for any stargazer. ● iOS 7.0 £4.99/\$5.99	iPhone TWEETBOT 3 FOR TWITTER (IPHONE & IPOD TOUCH)  Perfect for heavy Twitter users, it includes multiple timelines and smart gestures. ● iOS 8.0 £3.99/\$4.99	iPhone/ Android BBC SPORT  Covering a wide range of sports, the app brings you news, videos and stats in one place. ● iOS 6.0 Free ● OS 2.3 Free	iPhone/ iPad/ Android TRIPADVISOR HOTELS FLIGHTS RESTAURANTS  Hotel and restaurant reviews, cheap flights and virtual tours. ● iOS 7.0 Free ● Varies Free	iPhone/ iPad/ Android BBC WEATHER  Simple and clear design with one-touch controls for easy navigation of forecasts. ● iOS 5.1.1 Free ● OS 2.2 Free
iPhone/ iPad/ Android DROPBOX  Access your images, documents or any other type of digital file you like, anywhere. ● iOS 7.0 Freemium ● OS 4.0.3 Freemium	iPhone/ iPad/ Android GOOGLE TRANSLATE  Translate to and from 64 languages, speech from 17 languages, and listen in 24. ● iOS 7.0 Free ● Varies Free	iPhone/ iPad/ Android FACEBOOK  The ultimate social networking tool has regular updates. Easy to use and fairly foolproof. ● iOS 7.0 Free ● Varies Free	iPhone/ iPad/ Android OFFICIAL F1 APP  View leaderboards, lap times and exclusive news throughout the F1 season. ● iOS 6.0 Freemium ● OS 4.0 Freemium	iPhone/ Android HAILO  It sets the standard and changes the way people order their taxis on iOS or Android. ● iOS 7.0 Free ● Varies Free	iPhone/ iPad/ Android WEATHER LIVE RELOADED  Create your own weather station with customisable features and great graphics. ● iOS 6.0 £1.49/\$1.99 ● Varies £1.31/\$1.99
iPhone/ iPad NUMBERS  This spreadsheet was designed for your touchscreen, enabling you to calculate figures and create graphs with ease. ● iOS 8.0 £7.99/\$9.99	iPhone/ iPad/ Android WOLFRAMALPHA  Find essential information that is well presented and easy to use in this clever app. ● iOS 7.0 £2.29/\$2.99 ● OS 2.1 £1.86/\$2.99	iPhone/ Android PATH  A simple and satisfying interface that Facebook and Twitter can only dream about. ● iOS 7.0 Freemium ● Varies Freemium	iPhone/ Android SQUAWKA  All the latest soccer stats displayed with infographics and animations of in-game events. ● iOS 6.0 Free ● OS 4.1 Free	iPhone/ iPad/ Android GOOGLE EARTH  This is one of those definitive apps, giving you access to pretty much anywhere on the globe. ● iOS 4.3 Free ● Varies Free	iPhone/ iPad NOAA RADAR PRO  Vivid, real-time animated radar images of weather across the United States, with storm alerts and bookmarks. ● iOS 7.0 £1.99/\$1.99
iPhone/ iPad CLEAR  This purely gesture-based app has one of the most innovative and intuitive interfaces of virtually any app around. ● iOS 8.0 £3.99/\$4.99	iPhone/ Android SCRIBO – THE WORLD'S LARGEST ONLINE LIBRARY  All the reference books you'll need, available offline. ● iOS 6.0 Freemium ● OS 2.2 Freemium	iPhone/ iPad/ Android SKYPE  Bring your loved ones closer to you with the free video and audio calls of the Skype service. ● iOS 7.0 Freemium ● Varies Freemium	iPhone/ iPad/ Android GOLFSHOT: GOLF GPS  View maps and track your position on golf courses across the world with this GPS app. ● iOS 7.0 Freemium ● OS 2.3.3 Freemium	iPhone/ iPad/ Android TUBE MAP PRO  Plan your route around live travel info with this smart map of the London Underground. ● iOS 7.0 £4.99/\$6.99 ● Varies Freemium	iPhone/ iPad/ Android YAHOO! WEATHER  This stunning app backdrops the forecast with photos of conditions in your location. ● iOS 7.0 Free ● OS 2.3 Free
iPhone/ iPad PAGES  This versatile app lets you create, edit and view documents as well as create attractive, customised pages. ● iOS 8.0 £7.99/\$9.99	iPhone/ iPad REDSHIFT – ASTRONOMY  This exquisite app brings the night sky to your device, with all major planets and constellations displayed. ● iOS 4.3 £9.99/\$11.49	iPhone/ Android PINTEREST  This growing community is a great way to discover new things, and a hell of a timesink. ● iOS 7.0 Free ● Varies Free	iPhone/ Android YAHOO! SPORTS  For the amount of info at your fingertips, this app is a must for every sports fan. ● iOS 7.0 Freemium ● OS 4.0 Freemium	iPhone/ Android AIRBNB  Book last-minute trips and holiday lets in over 34,000 cities around the world. ● iOS 7.0 Free ● Varies Free	iPhone/ Android FIZZ WEATHER  A slick UI with a wealth of useful data, you get weather info for over 58,000 cities. ● iOS 4.3 £0.79/\$0.99 ● OS 2.1 £0.99/\$1.62
iPhone/ iPad GLOBO  Ideal for the travelling businessman, track the time in different cities around the world and set location-based alarms. ● iOS 7.0 £0.99/\$0.99	iPhone/ iPad BAREFOOT WORLD ATLAS  Interactive 3D globe for children, beautifully rendered with details of all the countries of the world. ● iOS 7.0 £3.99/\$4.99	iPhone/ Android SNAPCHAT  Send photos to friends that vanish after viewing. Also includes video and messaging. ● iOS 7.0 Free ● OS 4.0 Free	iPhone/ iPad/ Android COACH'S EYE  Improve your team's performance with video analysis and draw directly onto images. ● iOS 8.0 £3.99/\$4.99 ● OS 4.1 Freemium	iPhone/ iPad TRIPLEASE  Discover exciting destinations or share your experiences with this vivid, photo-driven network for jet-setters. ● iOS 6.0 Free	iPhone/ iPad DARK SKY  With 24-hour and seven-day outlooks, Dark Sky specialises in incredibly accurate, minute-by-minute forecasts. ● iOS 7.0 £2.99/\$3.99
iPhone/ iPad KEYNOTE  Create a world-class presentation with this top app. Including a range of impressive themes and customisable features. ● iOS 8.0 £7.99/\$9.99	iPhone/ iPad ARTICLES  Browse Wikipedia using this excellent reader, which offers great formatting and customisation options. ● iOS 6.1 Free	iPhone/ iPad/ Android TUMBLR  Find, follow and shares the things you love on this highly customisable blog network. ● iOS 7.1 Free ● Varies Free	iPhone/ iPad/ Android EUROSPORT PLAYER  Watch the hottest action live with this streaming app (monthly subscription fee). ● iOS 6.0 Freemium ● Varies Freemium	iPhone/ iPad PACKING PRO  A list-making app specially designed for your holiday packing, with a detailed predeparture to-do list with over 100 tasks. ● iOS 6.0 £2.29/\$2.99	iPhone/ Android THE WEATHER CHANNEL  A solid and professionally produced app, it offers very detailed info. ● iOS 7.0 Free ● Varies Free
iPhone/ iPad/ Android IF BYIFTT  Make your life easier by putting the internet to work and automating online services. ● iOS 7.0 Free ● OS 4.0.3 Free	iPhone/ iPad/ Android QUORA  The place to go with your burning questions, with the community providing answers. ● iOS 7.0 Free ● OS 3.0 Free	iPhone/ Android VINE  Shoot six-second videos of your life and share them with this boomerang community. ● iOS 7.0 Free ● Varies Free	iPhone/ iPad/ Android THE MASTER TACTICIAN PRO  Create winning football strategies with this great animated playbook app. ● iOS 4.3 £8.99/\$11.99	iPhone/ iPad GUIDEPAK CITY GUIDES  Download full city guides, plus maps, for over 60 of the most exciting destinations. ● iOS 7.0 Freemium ● OS 2.2 Freemium	iPhone/ iPad/ Android WEATHERWISE  Fill your screen with some great themes to accompany your weather forecast. ● iOS 7.0 Freemium ● OS 2.3.3 Freemium
iPhone/ iPad BUY ME A PIE CLASSIC  Write a list and sync it between devices so that you and your flatmates can all keep track of who's buying what. ● iOS 6.0 £2.29/\$2.99	iPhone/ iPad/ Android CHAMBERS DICTIONARY  Clear, accurate and occasionally witty definitions, plus a detailed thesaurus. ● iOS 5.5.1 £4.99/\$6.99 ● OS 2.2 £4.99/\$6.99	iPhone/ iPad STATNUT  View all of your social networks in one place with StatNut and display them in a simple, colour-coded interface. ● iOS 4.3 £0.79/\$0.99	iPhone/ iPad SKY SPORTS FOR iPAD  The Sky Sports channels on your device, as well as some impressive in-game stat screens and graphics. ● iOS 6.0 Freemium	iPhone/ iPad SULLIVAN'S LIST  Discover great adventures around the world, then create your own wish list of places you want to visit. ● iOS 4.3 £2.29/\$2.99	iPhone/ iPad MAGICAL WEATHER  View animated hourly and weekly weather forecasts for up to nine different places around the world simultaneously. ● iOS 7.0 £0.99/\$0.99
iPad PAPER BY FIFTYTHREE  A wonderfully character-filled sketching and creative app where users can purchase other themed tools. ● iOS 7.0 Freemium	iPad LONDON – A CITY THROUGH TIME  Explore 2,000 years of one of the world's greatest cities with articles, photos and video. ● iOS 5.1 £10.49/\$13.99	iPhone/ Android TIMEHOP  Relive the past with daily updates of your tweets, photos and check-ins from years ago. ● iOS 7.1 Free ● OS 4.0.3 Free	iPhone/ iPad CURLY'S POCKET GUIDE TO SPORT  The rules to 74 major sports from golf to Greco-Roman wrestling, with illustrations. ● iOS 7.0 Free	iPhone/ iPad/ Android FLIGHTRADAR24 PRO  Quickly turn your device into a radar dish and see what air traffic looks like in real-time. ● iOS 5.0 £2.99/\$3.99 ● OS 2.3.3 £2.49/\$3.99	iPhone WEATHERMOB  Forecasting with a difference with this truly social app, enabling users to share their climate and activities. ● iOS 6.1 Free

Next issue.

50 NEXT BIG APPS

Discover the hottest apps shooting up the App Store charts before anyone else does

PLUS

PROTECT YOUR PASSWORDS

Best app to keep your phone secure revealed

Reviewed

- Hitman: Sniper
- Juilliard Open Studios
- Til Morning's Light
- Simple Machines by Tinybop
- Splash Canyons
- Blades of Brim
- Powered Now
- Horizon 3
- Fit Men Cook
- Capitals

To download your digital edition visit GreatDigitalMags.com



Apps

magazine

Imagine Publishing Ltd
Richmond House, 33 Richmond Hill
Bournemouth, Dorset, BH2 6EZ

✉ +44 (0)1202 586200
Web: www.imagine-publishing.co.uk
www.knowyourapps.com
www.greatdigitalmags.com

Magazine team

Editor Jack Parsons
jack.parsons@imagine-publishing.co.uk
✉ 01202 586279

Photographer James Sheppard
Senior Art Editor Will Shum
Editor in Chief Dan Hutchinson
Publishing Director Aaron Asadi
Head of Design Ross Andrews

Contributors

David Crookes, Jamie Frier, Oliver Hill, Alison Innes, Chris Kerr, Chris Knight, David Lewis, Shaun McGill, Carrie Mok, David Nield, Michael Simpson, Drew Sleep, Greg Whitaker

Advertising

Digital or printed media packs are available on request.
Head of Sales Hang Deretz

✉ 01202 586442
hang.deretz@imagine-publishing.co.uk
Advertising Manager Alex Carnegie
✉ 01202 586430
alex.carnegie@imagine-publishing.co.uk

International

Apps is available for licensing. Contact the International department to discuss partnership opportunities.

Head of International Licensing Cathy Blackman
✉ +44 (0) 1202 586401
licensing@imagine-publishing.co.uk

Subscriptions

subscriptions@imagine-publishing.co.uk

Circulation

Head of Circulation Darren Pearce
✉ 01202 586200

Production

Production Director Jane Hawkins
✉ 01202 586200

Finance

Finance Director Marco Peroni

Founder
Group Managing Director Damian Butt

Disclaimer

The publisher cannot accept responsibility for any unsolicited material lost or damaged in the post. All text and layout is the copyright of Imagine Publishing Ltd. Nothing in this magazine may be reproduced in whole or part without the written permission of the publisher. All copyrights are recognised and used specifically for the purpose of criticism and review. Although the magazine has endeavoured to ensure all information is correct at time of print, prices and availability may change. This magazine is fully independent and not affiliated in any way with the companies mentioned herein.

If you submit material to Imagine Publishing via post, email, social network or any other means, you automatically grant Imagine Publishing an irrevocable, perpetual, royalty-free license to use the material across its entire portfolio, in print, online and digital, and to deliver the materials to existing and future clients, including but not limited to international licensees for reproduction in international, licensed editions of Imagine products. Any material you submit is sent at your risk and, although every care is taken, neither Imagine Publishing nor its employees, agents or subcontractors shall be liable for the loss or damage.



© Imagine Publishing Ltd 2015
ISSN 2047-1580

ISSUE 61
ON SALE FROM
06 AUGUST

◇◇ MIDDLE-EARTH™ ◇◇

SHADOW OF MORDOR™



OUT NOW

WWW.FERALINTERACTIVE.COM



MIDDLE-EARTH: SHADOW OF MORDOR © 2015 Warner Bros. Entertainment Inc. Originally developed by Monolith. In association with WingNut Films. © 2015 New Line Productions, Inc. © The Saul Zaentz Company. MIDDLE-EARTH: SHADOW OF MORDOR, THE HOBBIT, and the names of the characters, items, events and places therein are trademarks of The Saul Zaentz Company d/b/a Middle-earth Enterprises under license to Warner Bros. Interactive Entertainment. Developed for and published on the Mac by Feral Interactive Ltd. Mac and the Mac logo are trademarks of Apple Inc., registered in the U.S. and other countries. Feral and the Feral logo are trademarks of Feral Interactive Ltd. All other trademarks and copyrights are the property of their respective owners. All rights reserved.

(S15)

WB MONOLITH LOGO, WB GAMES LOGO, WB SHIELD:™ & © Warner Bros. Entertainment Inc.





DAVINCI RESOLVE 12

Now you can switch to the world's best editing software for free!

Only DaVinci Resolve 12 combines professional editing with advanced color correction so you can edit and grade from start to finish, all in one single software tool! With over 80 incredible new features including multicam editing, advanced trimming, high performance audio, and incredible media management, DaVinci Resolve 12 is the editing solution you've been waiting for.

Super Fast Editing

DaVinci Resolve 12 has a massive set of professional editing and trimming tools that work exactly as you expect. You get context sensitive editing, dynamic and asymmetric trimming, titling, transitions, animation and more! The familiar multitrack timeline, customizable interface and keyboard shortcuts make it easy to switch to DaVinci Resolve 12.

Incredible Multicam

No matter how many cameras you have on your shoot, DaVinci Resolve 12 lets you edit programs shot on multiple cameras faster than ever before. Quickly sync angles using timecode, in/out points, or even automatically based on sound and then watch them all play back in real time while you cut between angles on the fly!

Unlimited Audio Effects

Now you can create the perfect mix by adding VST and Audio Unit plugins to entire tracks or individual clips! Resolve's sample accurate playback and smooth tape style scrubbing let you precisely edit audio in the timeline, or you can record fader automation using the new mixer! You can even export directly to ProTools for finishing!

Hollywood's Best Color

DaVinci is the world's most trusted name in color and has been used to grade more Hollywood films, TV shows, and commercials than anything else. Now you can switch between professional editing and Resolve's legendary color tools with a single click. DaVinci Resolve 12 goes far beyond anything you'll find in any other editing systems!

DAVINCI RESOLVE 12

Mac OS X • Windows • Linux

Available in July

